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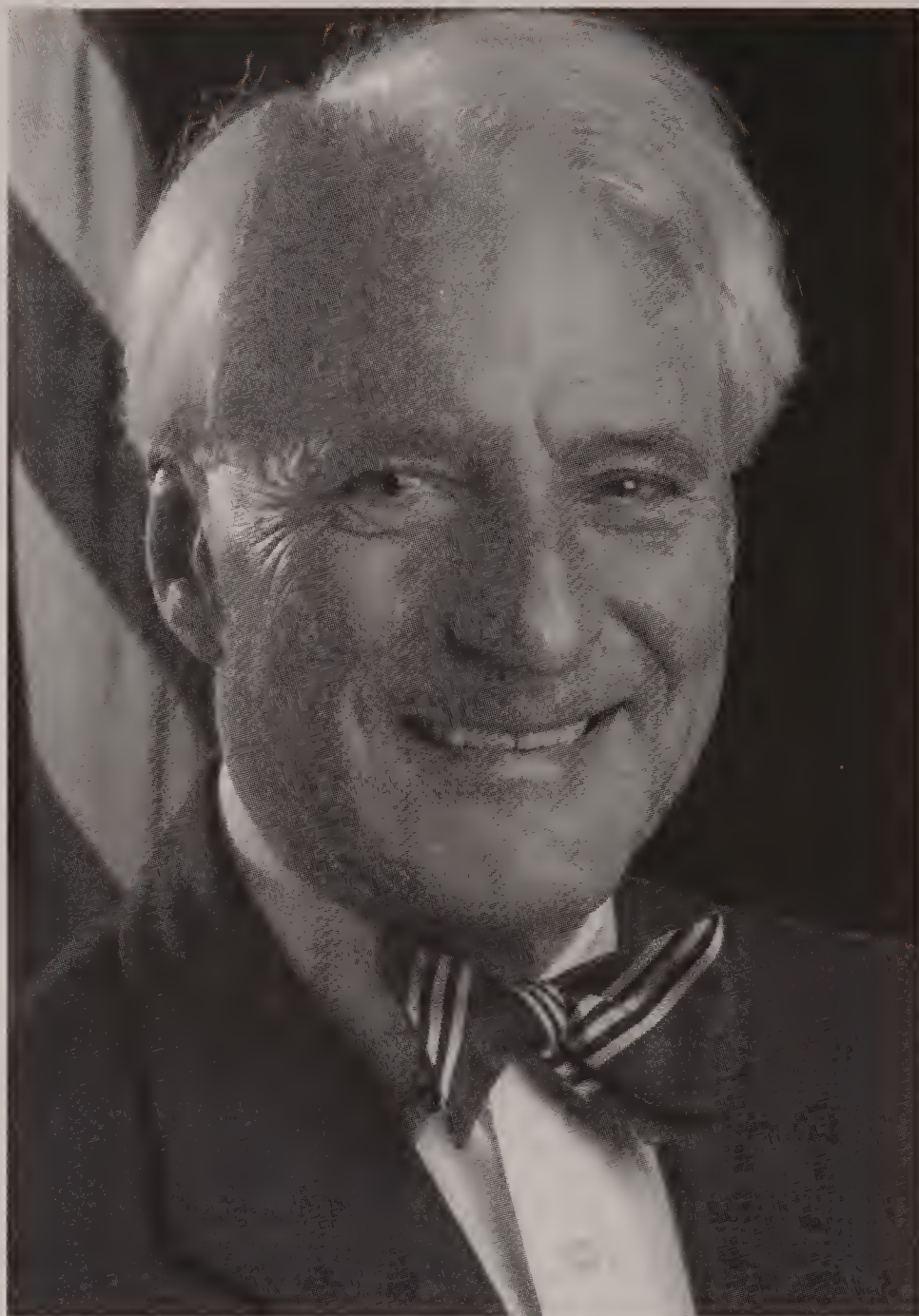




### **GOVERNOR BRIAN SCHWEITZER**

Gov. Brian Schweitzer is a farmer and rancher who held no elected office prior to being elected Montana governor in 2004, the first Democrat after sixteen years of Republican governors. He was elected to a second four-year term on Nov. 4, 2008. The grandson of Irish and Ukranian immigrants to Montana who homesteaded in Hill County, Gov. Schweitzer was born in Havre Sept. 4, 1955 to parents Kay and Adam Schweitzer and spent childhood years on his parents' cattle ranch in the Judith Basin near Geyser. The governor graduated from Holy Cross Abbey, Benedictine Monastery, in Cañon City, Colo. He has a bachelor of science degree in international agronomy from Colorado State University and a master of science in soil science from Montana State University, Bozeman. The governor is married to Nancy Hupp who is from Billings and has a bachelor's degree in botany from Montana State University, Bozeman. After graduating from MSU, they worked overseas on agricultural projects including building of irrigation projects and development of dairy facilities in Saudi Arabia. Returning to Montana in 1986, the couple owned and operated farms in Flathead, Sanders, Rosebud, and Judith Basin counties. Their current home residence is at Georgetown. In 1993, he was named to the Montana USDA Farm Service Agency Committee. He was elected in 2008 as Democratic Governors chair and was the key speaker on energy at the 2008 National Democratic Convention in Denver. The governor and his wife have three children, sons Ben and Khai and daughter Katrina.





### **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN C. BOHLINGER**

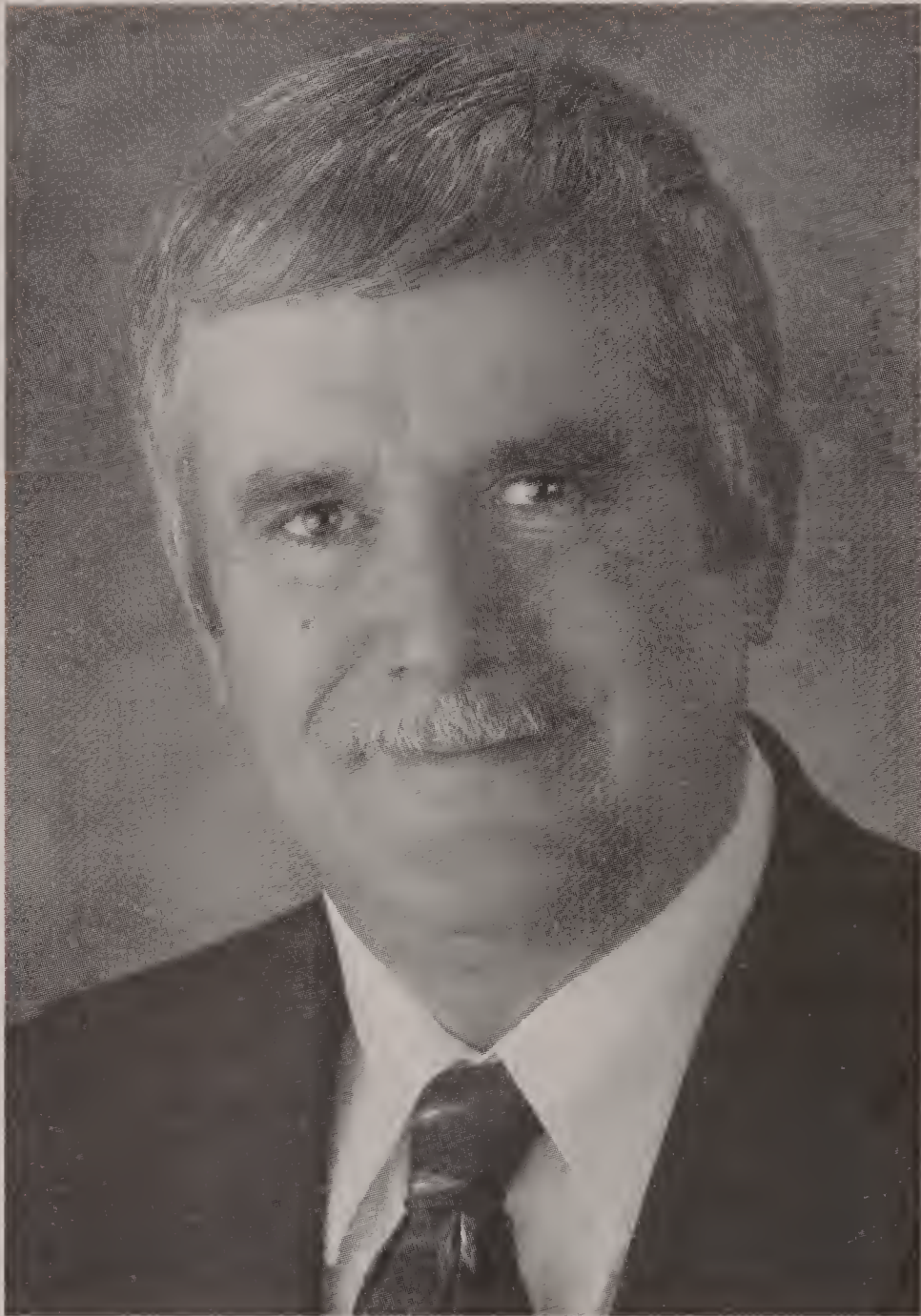
Lt. Gov. John C. Bohlinger, a third generation Montanan, was born in Bozeman April 21, 1936 to parents John and Aileen Bohlinger. In 1941, John, his sister Tina, and their parents moved to Billings where his parents opened a women's apparel store called Aileen's. Lt. Gov. Bohlinger attended Billings Senior High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve during his senior year. After graduation, he attended the University of Montana, then was called to active duty between his sophomore and junior years. He served in the Marines and then returned to the University of Montana where he earned a degree in business. After graduation, he returned to Billings to work in the family business. The lieutenant governor is a former Montana legislator, elected as a Republican in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 1998 and in the Senate from 1999 to 2004. During his 33-year career as a small businessman, he worked for many community organizations in the Billings area. He was a member of the board of directors of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, First Interstate Bank West, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the Billings Studio Theater. John served as chairman of the board of directors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and as a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Council. He also has served as president of the board of directors of the Yellowstone Art Museum and president of the Billings Symphony. His wife's name is Karen. He has six children, fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



# **The Senate**

## ***Sixty-First Assembly***





**BOB STORY**  
**President of the Senate**

Park City, District 30, Republican. Senate President Bob Story was born Dec. 10, 1952 in Billings. He graduated from Park City High School and earned a B.S. in agricultural education from Montana State University-Bozeman. Following college, Sen. Story taught Vocational Agriculture in Opheim. He returned to the family farm in Park City in 1979 where he raises cattle, hay, grain, corn and pinto beans. Sen. Story served as a trustee on the Park City School Board, was a district supervisor on the Stillwater County Conservation District Board and an area director for the Montana Association of Conservation Districts. Sen. Story served in the House of Representatives for four terms from 1995 to 2002. While in the House he served as the chairman of the taxation committee in 2001-02. Sen. Story has served in the Senate since 2003. Known for his expertise in tax and school funding, he has served on the Senate Taxation Committee since 2003 as well as the Senate Education Committee. He was Senate minority whip in 2005-06. He and his wife Jyl together have five children, Carman, Tina, Zane, Kirk and Kristin and eight grandchildren.



**Jim Peterson** - Buffalo, District 15, Republican. Born July 19, 1946 in Havre; Judith Gap High graduate, B.S., in animal science from Montana State University; masters in agriculture from Texas A&M, M.B.A in finance from West Texas State; rancher and farmer; U.S. Meat Export Federation chair-elect, United Methodist Church of Judith Gap; served in House 2003-06, in the Senate since 2007, majority leader 2009-10; wife's name is Lorraine, they have two children, Jennifer and Robert, and a grandchild.



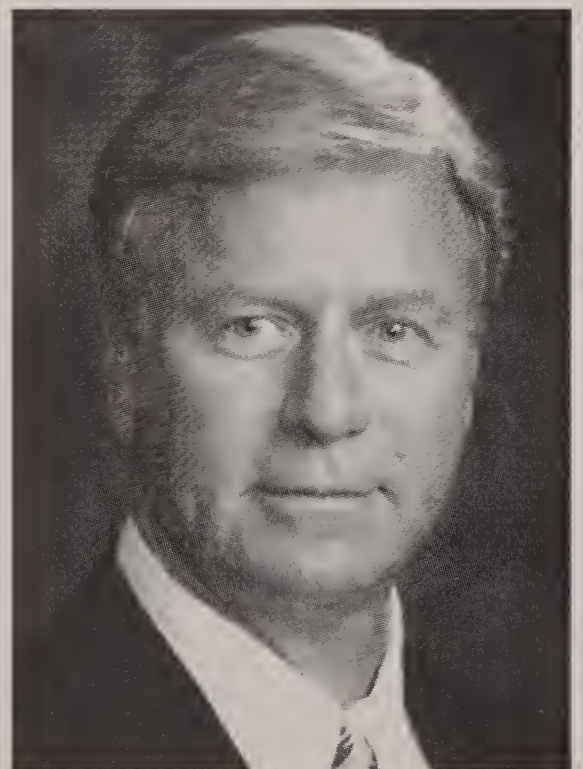
*Jim Peterson, Majority Leader*



*Carol Williams, Minority Leader*

**Carol Griffith Williams** - Missoula, District 46, Democrat. Born Feb. 3, 1943 in Butte; Butte High graduate; attended Montana Tech, B.S. in education with majors in English and history, University of Montana Western; Montana co-chair Every Child By Two; UM Montanan advisory board, Montana Council on Developmentally Disabled board; served in House 1999-2000, in Senate since 2005, majority leader, 2007-08, minority leader, 2009-10; husband Pat served in Montana Legislature and U.S. House of Representatives, they have three children and three grandchildren.

**Daniel W. McGee** - Laurel, District 29, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1947 in Shreveport, La., and came to Montana in 1974. Natrona County High, Casper, Wyo., graduate; B.S. in geology, Louisiana State University, graduate work, University of Montana; professional land surveyor and geologist; U.S. Air Force retired first lieutenant; served in House 1995-2002, Speaker of the House 2001-02, served in Senate since 2003, minority whip 2007-08, president pro tempore 2009-10; wife's name is LaRae, they have three daughters.



*Dan McGee, President Pro Tempore*

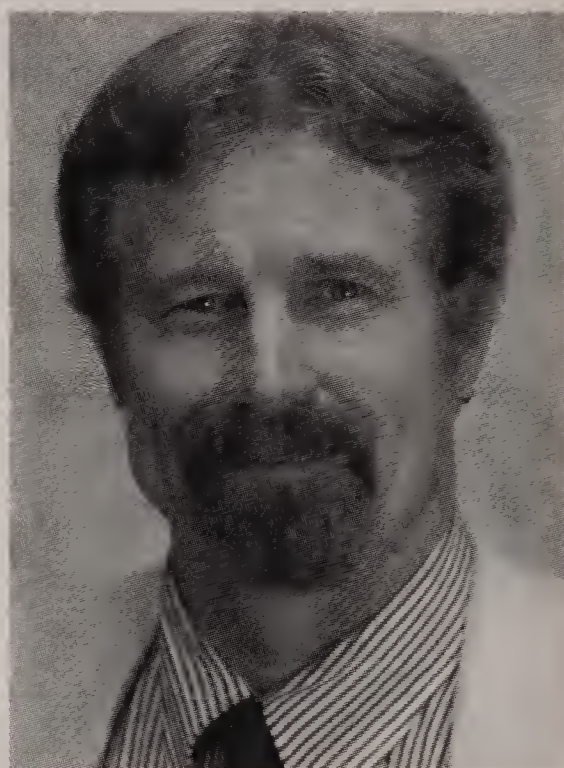




*Keith Bales*

**Keith Bales** - Otter, District 20, Republican. Born March 15, 1944 in Sheridan, Wyo., and came home to the ranch at Otter as an infant; Sheridan, Wy., High School graduate; B.S. in agricultural production-animal science from Montana State University; School Board trustee, Montana Stockgrowers Assn. president 1998-2000, Tongue River Electric Coop board of directors; Commissioned Officer U.S. Army, Vietnam veteran; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Christl, they have two sons, Brian and Michael, a grandson Chase and a granddaughter McKena.

**Joe Balyeat** - Bozeman, District 34, Republican. Born Oct. 26, 1956 in Great Falls; Great Falls High graduate, National Merit Scholar; B.S. in business administration-accounting from University of Montana; certified public accountant and author; Montanans for Better Government chair, Montana Conservatives Caucus president, Montana Shooting Sports Association board of directors, radio talk show host; served in House 2001-04; in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Linda Lee, they have three children, Dan, Matt and Jamie.



*Joe Balyeat*



*Greg Barkus, Majority Whip*

**Greg Barkus** - Kalispell, District 4, Republican. Born Nov. 29, 1946 in Jamestown, N.D., and came to Montana in 1947. Havre High graduate, B.S. in finance, University of Montana, attended Colorado School of Banking and Wharton School of Finance; D.A. Davidson senior vice president; Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission, Montana Redistricting Commission, Kalispell Daybreak Rotary charter president, Kalispell Regional Hospital Community Benefits Council, Republican State Central Committee; served in Senate since 2003; minority whip 2007-08, majority whip 2009-10; wife's name is Kathy, they have three children, Angie, Ken and Jill, and nine grandchildren.



**Debby Barrett** - Dillon, District 72, Republican. Born April 5, 1952 in Hayes, Kansas, and came to Montana in 1957; Beaverhead County High graduate, attended University of Montana-Western at Dillon; rancher; served in House 2001-08, Republican whip 2005-06, Speaker Pro Tempore 2007-08; in Senate 2009; husband's name is Mike, they have a daughter Barbara.



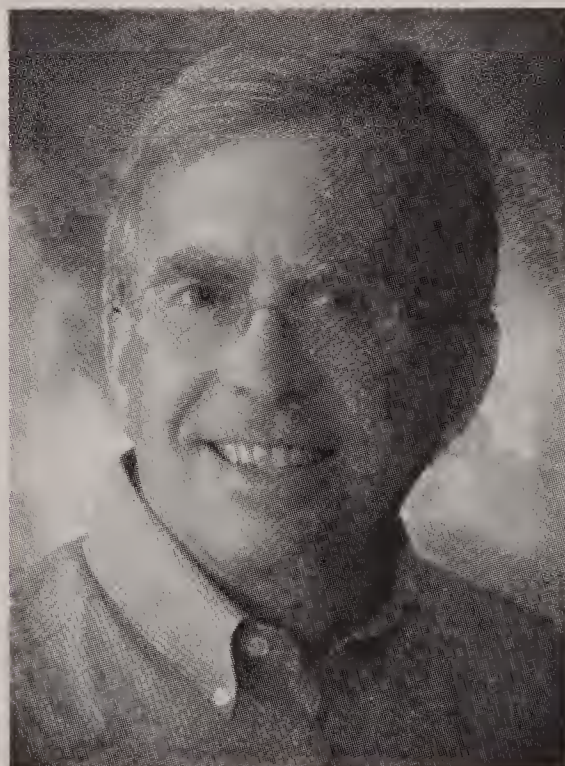
*Debby Barrett*



*Jerry Black*

**Jerry Black** - Shelby, District 14, Republican. Born Aug. 30, 1935 in Lewistown, Shelby High graduate, attended MSU; retired, former owner and gen'l manager of KSEN-KZIN radio, Shelby, two Idaho radio stations, Triangle Travel Agency, other businesses; Montana Broadcasters Assn.(MBA) past president, 2004 MBA Hall of Fame, Greater Montana Foundation treasurer, Toole County Education Foundation director, NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award; numerous civic activities; served in Senate since 2003, wife's name is Billiette, they have six children, ten grandchildren, one great grandson.

**Gary Branae** - Billings, District 54, Democrat. Born March 20, 1944 in Big Timber, Sweet Grass County High graduate; B.S. in education from Montana State University and M.S. in school counseling from MSU-Billings; retired educator and youth director; Montana CASA Board member, COR Enterprises Board member, Family Tree Center Board member; served in House 2001-08; in Senate 2009; wife's name is Linda, they have two married daughters, Sarah and Amy.



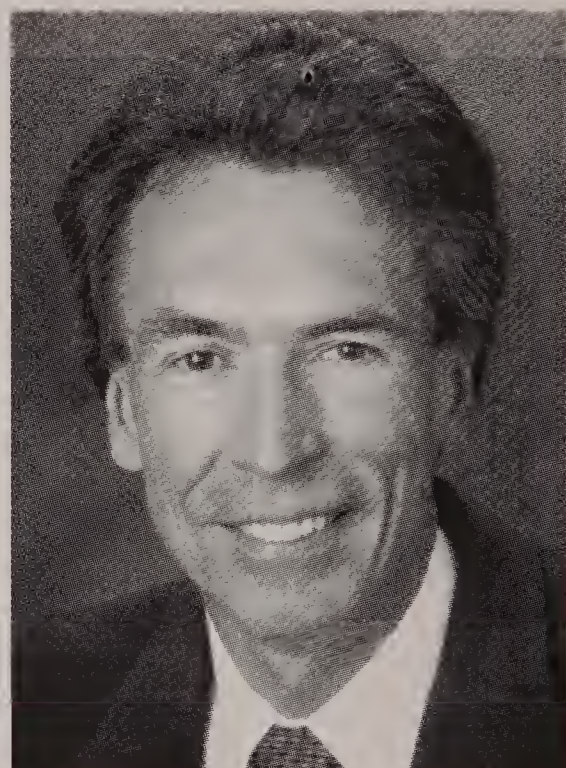
*Gary Branae*





*John Brenden*

**Roy Brown** - Billings, District 25, Republican. Born Feb. 16, 1951 in Casper, Wyo., and moved to Billings in 1955; Billings Central High School graduate; B.S. in engineering from Montana Tech, Butte; small businessman; MSU-Billings College of Business Advisory Board, Republican gubernatorial candidate 2008; served in House 1999-2006, majority whip, 2001-02, majority leader 2003-04, House Republican leader, 2005-06; served in Senate since 2007, majority whip 2009-10; wife's name is Kim, they have three children, Katie, Gillian and Roy Jr.



*Roy Brown, Majority Whip*



*Taylor Brown*

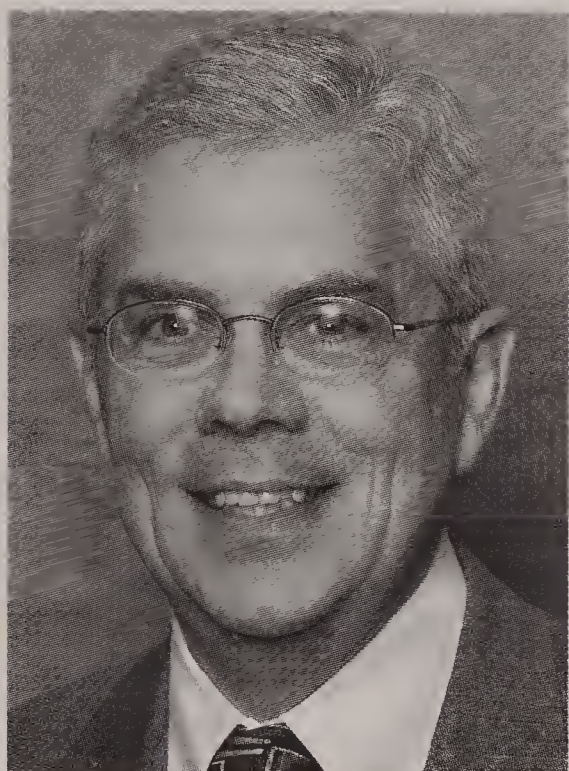
**Taylor Brown** - Huntley, District 22, Republican. Born Aug. 7, 1956 in Sheridan, Wyo., moved to Montana in 1960; Fergus High graduate, B.S. in agriculture from Montana State University; broadcaster and owner of Northern Broadcasting System Inc.; Natl. Assn. of Farm Broadcasting past president, Huntley Project FFA Alumni Assn, Montana Range Days, MSU College of Agriculture Development Board, Leadership Montana, committee chair to raise donations for MSU's Animal and Range Science building; served in Senate 2009; wife's name is Shannon, they have three grown children, Travis, Courtney and Colter.



**John Brueggeman** - Polson, District 6, Republican. Born April 2, 1979 in Polson; Polson High School graduate; attended University of Montana; employed in construction; Knights of Columbus; served in House 2001-04, House majority whip, 2003-04; served in Senate since 2005, single.



*John Brueggeman*



*Mike Cooney*

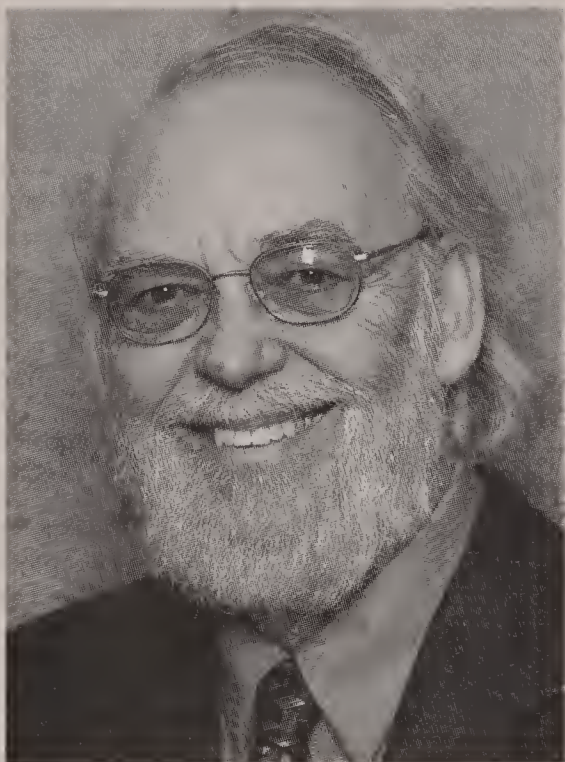
**Mike Cooney** - Helena, District 40, Democrat. Born Sept. 3, 1954 in Washington, D.C. and came to Montana as a newborn; Butte High graduate, B.A. political science from University of Montana; Dept. of Labor and Industry employee; Montana Secretary of State 1989-2000, Natl. Assn. of Secretaries of State president 1996; served in the House from Butte 1977-80, Montana Senate since 2003, Senate President 2007-08; grandson of former Montana Governor Frank H. Cooney, he and his wife Dee Ann have a daughter, Adan, and two sons, Ryan and Colin.

**Aubyn Curtiss** - Fortine, District 1, Republican. Born July 1, 1925 in Park City; Lincoln County High School graduate, attended UCLA; tree buyer-broker; Lincoln County GOP chairman, Montana GOP past chairman, Montana's commissioner on White House Presidential Scholar's Commission, Lincoln County Planning Board past chairman; served in House 1977-1984 and 1995-2002, in Senate since 2003; late husband's name is David, she has three children, Sue, Marc and Gareth, and five grandchildren.



*Aubyn Curtiss*

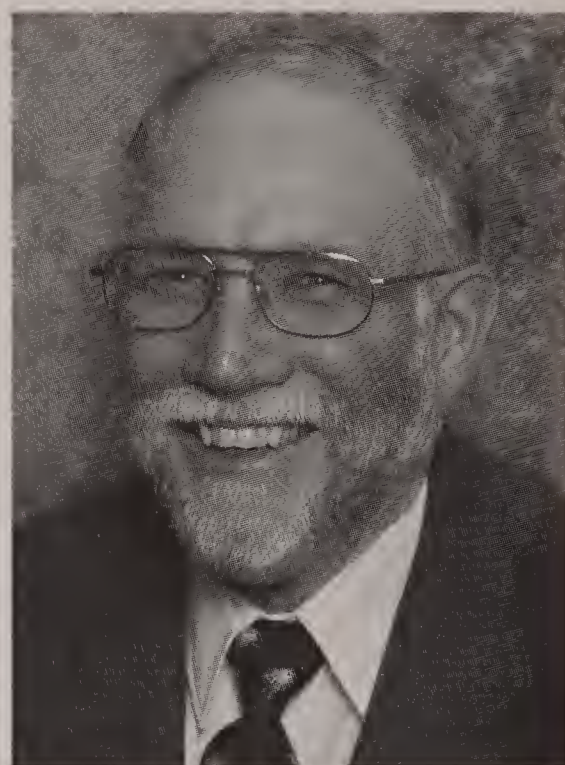




*Ron Erickson*

**Ron Erickson** – Missoula, District 47 Democrat. Born April 20, 1933 in Peoria, Ill., and came to Montana in 1965; B.S. in chemistry from Bradley University, Ph.D. in organic chemistry from University of Iowa; retired University of Montana environmental studies professor; community activist on pollution, land use and open space issues; served in House 1999-2004 and 2007-08, in Senate 2009; wife's name is Nancy, daughters are Chris and Terrell. He has one grandchild.

**John Esp** - Big Timber, District 31, Republican. Born March 11, 1952 in Bozeman; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; attended Montana State University; carpenter-cabinet maker; Sweet Grass County High School board of trustees; Crazy Mountain Museum Board, Pioneer Medical Center Board, Sweet Grass County-Big Timber Planning Board; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Stoney, they have a daughter Amy, a son Leo and a niece Ester.



*John Esp*



*Jeffrey V. Essmann*

**Jeffrey V. Essmann** - Billings, District 28, Republican. Born June 29, 1952 in Billings; Billings West graduate; B.S. in industrial engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology; J.D. from University of Montana School of Law; business owner and property developer; has practiced law in Billings and Butte; Yellowstone County Planning Board 1998-2001, Yellowstone County Republican Central Committee chair 1995-99, Republican National Convention delegate 1996, NFIB member; served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Sherry.



**Steve Gallus** - Butte, District 37, Democrat. Born April 8, 1972 in Butte; Butte High School graduate; attended Carroll College, B.A. in history from the University of Portland; Complete Fly Fisher lodge manager; Phi Alpha Theta history scholar, Program for Senior Executives in State Government Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government 2000; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Jennifer Hensley.



*Steve Gallus*



*Kelly Gebhardt*

**Kelly Gebhardt** - Roundup, District 23, Republican. Born April 5, 1953 in Wolf Point, Roundup High graduate, associate degree in diesel technology from MSU-Northern; sawmill owner; Musselshell County Commissioner 1990-2002, Roundup Volunteer Fire Dept. 1978 to present, served on many advisory and executive boards; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Darlene, they have two sons, Brian and Derin, and a daughter, Donna.



*Kim Gillan., Minority Whip*

**Kim Gillan** - Billings, District 24, Democrat. Born Dec. 10, 1951 in El Cerrito, Calif., and came to Montana in 1992; Presentation High graduate; B.A. from UCLA; masters from Cornell University, graduate work at George Washington University; MSU-Billings Workforce Development Coordinator; MSU-Billings Foundation Board, Skyview Boosters Club president, PLUK Board, Heights Task Force chair, Billings Parks and Recreation former board member; served in House 1997-2004, minority leader 2001-02; served in Senate since 2005, minority whip, 2009-10; she has a son, Hank, and a daughter, Claire.





*Brad Hamlett*

**Brad Hamlett** - Cascade, District 10, Democrat. Born June 12, 1949 in Great Falls; Cascade High graduate, attended the University of Montana; cattle rancher and western art broker; Sun River Historical Society past president, All Nations Pishkun Association vice president, CM Russell Art Auction Wrangler Gallery, Montana Shrine, Montana Arms Collectors Society, AQHA, Big Brothers-Big Sisters program; served in Senate 2009, divorced, children's names are Rhys and Elizabeth, he has a grandchild Aubrey

**Ken "Kim" Hansen** - Harlem, District 17, Democrat. Born Oct. 15, 1951 in Havre; Harlem High graduate, attended MSU-Northern and Montana State University, Western College of Auctioneering graduate; farmer-rancher; former school board trustee, served on Gov. Ted Schwinden's Economic Council Development Board for Agriculture, North Central Montana Stockgrowers, Milk River Coop board, Shriners, Sweet Medical Health Board; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Renee, has five children, John, Brad, Larry, Laurie and Jessie, and five grandchildren.



*Ken "Kim" Hansen*

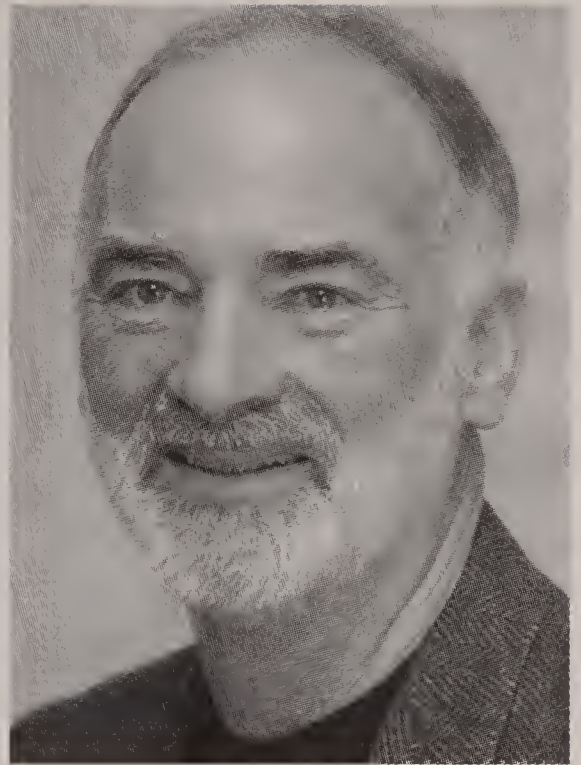


*Robert L. "Bob" Hawks*

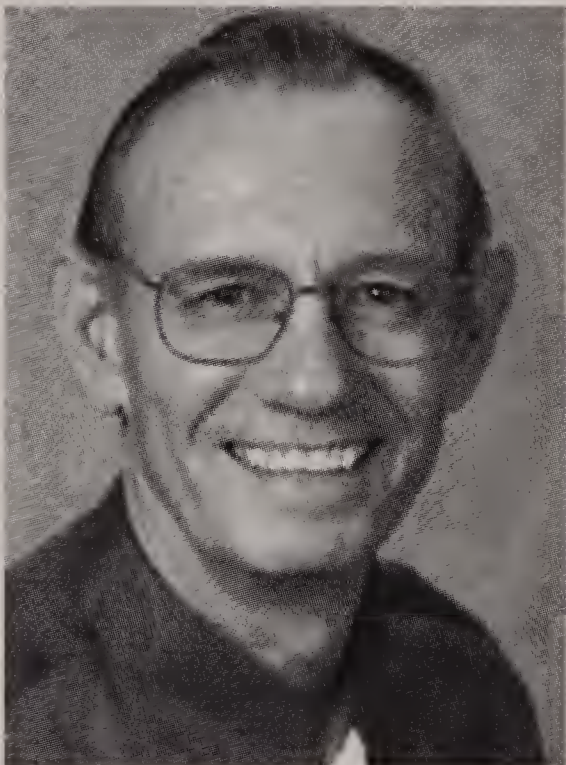
**Robert L. "Bob" Hawks** - Bozeman, District 33, Democrat. Born April 24, 1941 in Billings; Hardin High graduate; B.S., natural science, O.D., Pacific University; optometrist; Bozeman City-County Planning Board, Bozeman City Commission and Mayor, Headwaters Entrepreneur Resources Inc. Board, Certified Cities Economic Strategy Task Force, Church Council, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Gallatin Development Corp., Gallatin Valley Land Trust, National Trust for Historic Preservation Advisory Board; U.S. Air Force officer for eight years; served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Jane; they have five children and thirteen grandchildren.



**Greg Hinkle** - Thompson Falls, District 7. Thompson Falls. Born Nov. 12, 1946 in Bellingham, Wash. and moved to Montana in 1992; Bellingham High School graduate, attended Skagit Valley College, four-year machinist apprenticeship at Georgia-Pacific Corp.; furniture maker/home inspector; Sanders County Park Board commissioner, volunteer firefighter, jail ministry for 12 years, postmaster; Army National Guard; served in Senate 2009; wife's name is Gail, children are Gabe, Jeff and Michelle, they have six grandchildren.

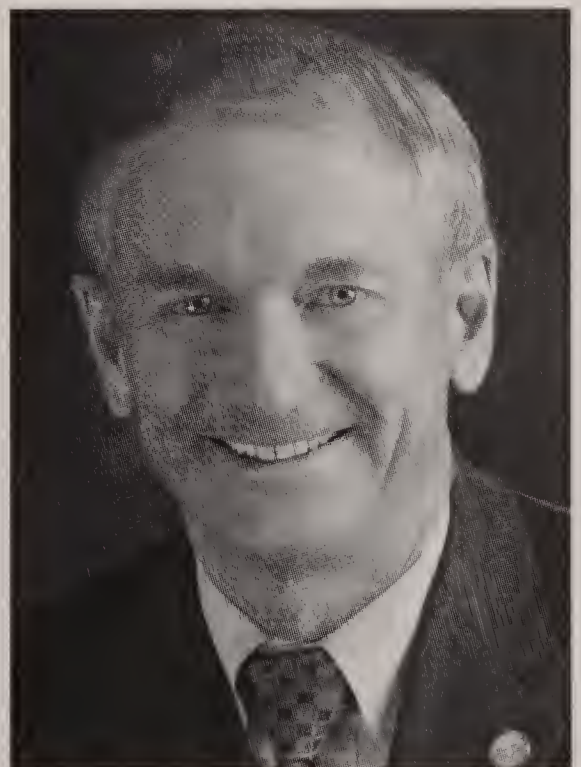


*Greg Hinkle*



*Verdell Jackson*

**Verdell Jackson** - Kalispell, District 5, Republican. Born April 1, 1941 in Cortez, Colo., and came to Montana in 1991; graduated from high school in Colorado; B.S. in business from University of Colorado, MA. in business education from Arizona State, educational specialist degree in vocational education from Auburn University; semi-retired rancher; retired high school and college teacher, Juneau, Alaska, chair of energy advisory committee for 13 years; served in House 1999-2006, in Senate since 2007; wife's name is Linda, they have a daughter, April.



*Larry Jent*

**Larry Jent** - Bozeman, District 32, Democrat. Born Dec. 20, 1951 in Nashville, Tenn., and came to Montana in 1978; Hillwood High School, Nashville, graduate; B.S. from U.S. Military Academy-West Point; J.D. from University of Colorado Law School; lawyer; bow hunter education instructor, athlete's rep, U.S. Biathlon Team; Montana Democratic Party executive board, 1997-2001; Democratic National Convention delegate 1996, 2000, 2008; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 2001-06; in Senate since 2007; single.





*Carol Juneau*

**Carol Juneau** - Browning, District 08, Democrat. Born May 5, 1945 in Elbowoods, N.D., and came to Montana in 1969; Santa Clara, Calif., High School graduate, Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan.; B.A. psychology-sociology MSU-Billings, M.E. school administration University of Montana; retired educator; Mandan/Hidatsa Tribal member, Montana Indian Education Assn. chair, Montana Democratic Party former vice chair, served in House 1999-2006; minority caucus leader, 2003-04; in Senate since 2007; husband's name is Stan, they have three children, Denise, Ron and Ev, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Christine Kaufmann** - Helena, District 41, Democrat. Born Dec. 25, 1951 in Princeton, Ill., and came to Montana in 1984; Tiskilwa, Ill., High School graduate; B.A. in biology from Goshen College, Ind., M.A. in environmental studies from University of Montana; Montana Human Rights Network executive director; board member of numerous non-profit social change, civil rights and environmental protection organizations; served in House 2001-06, served in Senate since 2007; partner's name is Pat Kemp, they have 32 nieces and nephews.



*Christine Kaufmann*

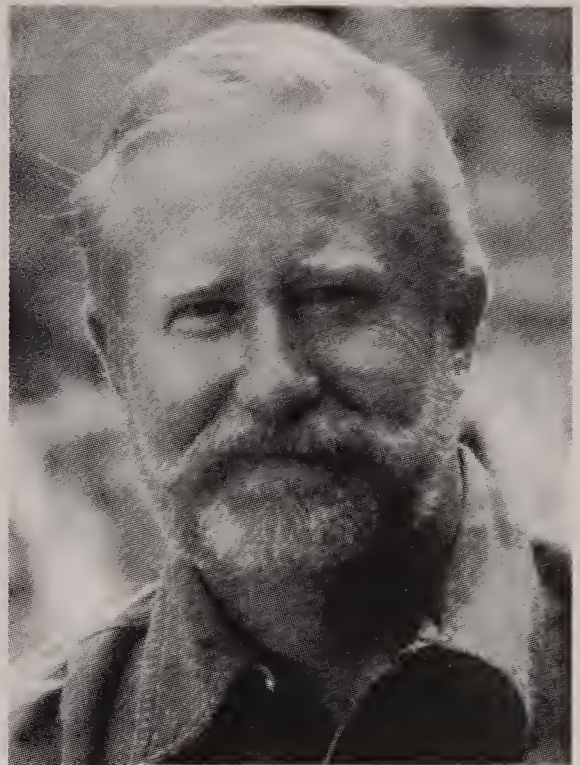


*Jim Keane*

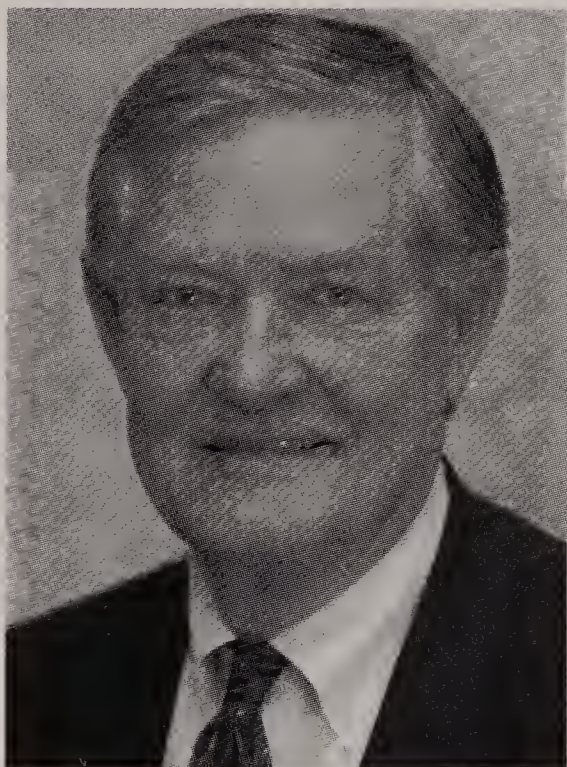
**Jim Keane** - Butte, District 38, Democrat. Born Dec. 23, 1941 in Butte; Butte Central High School graduate; attended University of Hawaii, Montana Tech, Western Montana College and University of Wyoming; retired; former business manager, Operating Engineers Local 400; Montana AFL-CIO past vice president; served in House 2001-08, in Senate 2009; wife's name is Dolores and they have three children, Alisa, Kiely and Kevin.



**Rick Laible** - Darby, District 44, Republican. Born Oct. 2, 1945 in Berkeley, Calif., and moved to Montana in 1994; San Leandro, Calif., High graduate; attended California State, Hayward; semi-retired contractor-manufacturer; Ionic #38 Masonic Lodge; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003, finance, local government and state administration committees; 2007-08 interim education/local government chair, children, families, health and human services, fire suppression, tribal relations, and capital advisory committees; he and his wife Frankie have three daughters, two sons and four grandchildren.



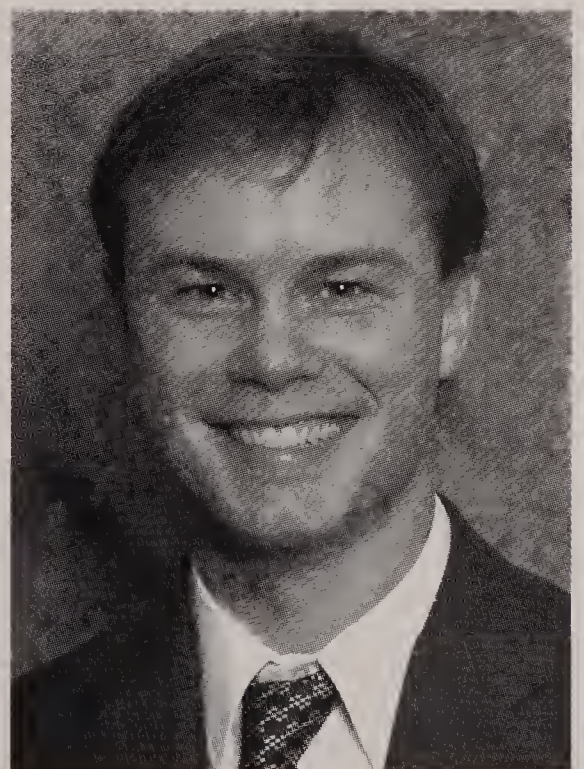
*Rick Laible*



*Cliff Larsen*

**Cliff Larsen** - Missoula, District 50, Democrat. Born July 23, 1943 in Neosho, Mo., moved to Montana in 1984; A.A. Boise Junior College, B.A. in education from Boise State, M.S.W. in social work from Portland State; rancher/farmer, retired businessman and teacher; taught at University of Oregon and Boise State, Missoula County Airport Authority commissioner, American Legion Post 27 trustee, former consultant to nursing homes on quality patient care, Habitat for Humanity, Ducks Unlimited, Five Valleys Land Trust; U.S. Army Vietnam veteran; served in Senate 2009, he and his wife Trish have a son Tucker.

**Jesse Laslovich** - Anaconda, District 43, Democrat. Born Oct. 3, 1980 in Anaconda; Anaconda High School graduate; B.A. in political science with high honors and J.D. from University of Montana; attorney; employed in Montana Attorney General's office 2007-08; served in House 2001-2004, in Senate since 2005, judiciary committee chair 2007-08, assistant minority leader 2009-10; wife's name is Jill.



*Jesse Laslovich*  
*Assistant Minority Leader*





*Dave Lewis*

**Dave Lewis** - Helena, District 42, Republican. Born Oct. 10, 1942 in Rapid City, S.D., and came to Montana in 1968; B.S. in finance from University of Idaho; retired state budget director; past member of several local boards; served in House 2001-04, appointed to the Senate in 2004 and has served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Karen; they have three children, Michele Fairclough, Charlene Lewis and Jim Lewis, and nine grandchildren.

**Lynda Bourque Moss** - Billings, District 26, Democrat. Born March 15, 1950 in Torrington, Wyo., moved to Montana in 1979; Hazelwood High, St. Louis, Mo., graduate; bachelor of fine arts from University of Nebraska-Omaha; M. A. from University of Northern Iowa, M.F.A., from Montana State University; Foundation for Community Vitality executive director; has served on Billings Community Foundation board, Billings Housing Authority board and Holter Art Museum board; served in Senate since 2005, majority whip 2007-08; children are Heather and Cris; she has four grandchildren.



*Lynda Moss*

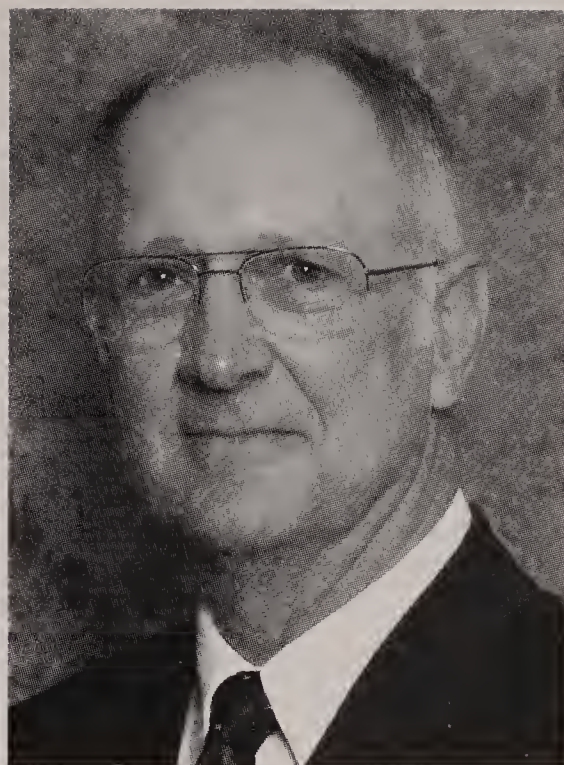


*Terry Murphy*

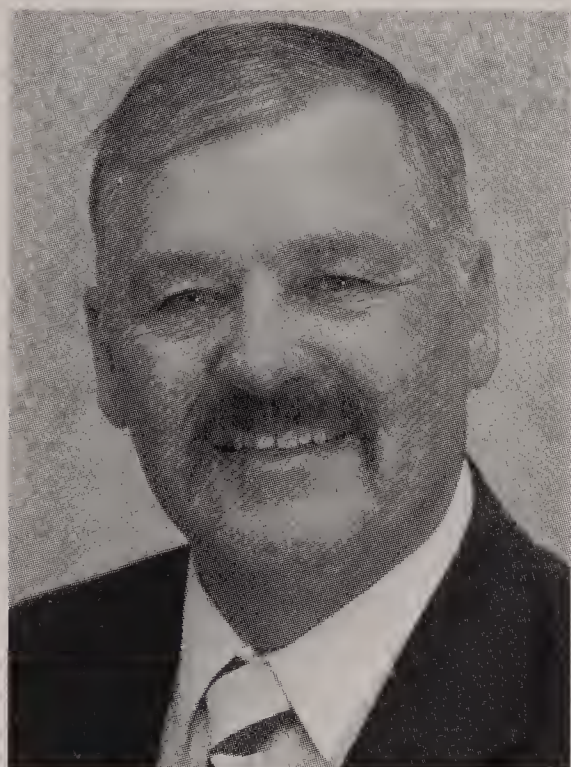
**Terry Murphy** - Cardwell, District 39, Republican. Born Dec. 5, 1942 in Butte; Willow Creek High School graduate; farmer; has served on Whitehall School Board of Trustees, Jefferson County Planning Board and on National Commission on Agriculture and Rural Development Policy; served in House 1971-72, in Senate 1975-78 and since 2007; single.



**Gary L. Perry** - Manhattan, District 35, Republican. Born Nov. 24, 1949 in Vincennes, Ind., came to Montana in 1997. Bridgeport, Ill., High graduate; B.S. in civil engineering from University of Illinois; business owner, engineer and president of Perry Industries, Inc.; Gallatin County Republican chair, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, NFIB, NRA, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Lisa, son's name is Travis.



*Gary L. Perry*



*Rick Ripley*

**Rick Ripley** - Wolf Creek, District 9, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1951 in Whitefish; Augusta High School graduate; B.S. from MSU-Billings; masters from MSU-Northern; administrative endorsement from Montana State University; rancher and retired educator; First Bank of Lincoln board of directors chairman; served in the House 2001-08, in Senate 2009; wife's name is April, they have two grown daughters, Kelsey and Julie.

**Trudi Schmidt** - Great Falls, District 11, Democrat. Born Dec. 7, 1938 in Butte; Missoula County High graduate; B.S. and M.S. from University of Montana; former counselor, caseworker and trainer for Lutheran Social Services; active in community organizations, cofounder and president HANDS, a before and after school care program in Great Falls elementary schools, AAUW, Faith Lutheran Church; served in House 1997-2002, in Senate since 2003, majority whip, 2005-06, minority whip 2008-09; husband's name is Del, they have a son Todd, a daughter Anne and one grandchild.



*Trudi Schmidt , Minority Whip*





*Jim Shockley*

**Jim Shockley** - Victor, District 45, Republican. Born Sept. 12, 1944 in Luke Field, Ariz., first came to Montana in 1946; Jeb Stuart High, Falls Church, Va., graduate; B.A. and J.D. from University of Montana; attorney; Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors emeritis member. Masonic Lodge, Lions, VFW, American Legion, First Marine Division Assn., Marine Corp League, Order of the Caribou, Concerned about Grizzlies, Bitterroot Protective Assn., NRA, Montana Shooting Sports, Trout Unlimited; retired Marine; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Marilee.

**Carolyn Squires** - Missoula, District 48, Democrat. Born Sept. 25, 1940 in Whitefish, Holy Names Academy high school graduate in Washington; A.A., arts and sciences from Everett Junior College, Washington; LPN from Missoula Vo-Tech; retired from nursing career and AFL-CIO Project Challenge Work Again Program; served in House 1987-2000; in Senate since 2003, majority whip, 2005-06; husband's name is Harold; they have two sons, Paul and Keith.



*Carolyn Squires*



*Don Steinbeisser*

**Don J. Steinbeisser** - Sidney, District 19, Republican. Born April 15, 1935 in Sidney; Sidney High School graduate; farmer-rancher-businessman; Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project board of directors, Montana-Dakota Beet Growers Assn. past president, American Sugar Beet Growers Assn. past director and past president, First Bank board of directors; U.S. Army Reserves for six years; served in the House 2001-2004, in Senate since 2005, business & labor vice chair 2003-04 and agriculture chair 2009-10; wife's name is Amelia; he has five children--Jim, Don Jr., Craig, Janet and Trisha.



**Sharon Stewart-Peregoy** - Crow Agency, District 21, Democrat. Born June 3, 1953 in Crow Agency; Hardin High School graduate, B.S. in elementary education from Montana State University, M.A. education from Seattle City University; Crow Tribe Office of Economic Development research and development specialist; Apsaalooke Youth Leadership Development Cadre founder, Crow Agency Horizons Project facilitator, Little Big Horn College trustee; served in Senate 2009; divorced, she has a daughter Buffy, nieces Tanya, Tamara, Linsay and Carmel, nephews Alvin III, Mitchell and Robin, and six grandchildren.



*Sharon Stewart-Peregoy*



*Joe Tropila*

**Joseph “Joe” Tropila** - Great Falls, District 13, Democrat. Born May 31, 1935 in Jersey City, N.J., and came to Montana in 1955; B.S. in biology and chemistry education from University of Great Falls; retired; former teacher, natural gas engineer and restaurant-lounge owner; U.S. Air Force Korean Conflict veteran; served in House 1975-80, as Cascade County Clerk and Recorder 1981-93, in House 1993-2002 and in Senate since 2003; wife’s name is Mary, they have four children and five grandchildren.

**Mitch Tropila** - Great Falls, District 12, Democrat. Born Oct. 23, 1963 in Great Falls; CM Russell High School graduate; B.A. in radio-television and B.S. in business administration from University of Montana; president of Big Fish Marketing, Inc.; Peace Corps volunteer in Botswana, Great Falls Animal Foundation spokesperson, Elks Lodge #214 member; served in Senate since 2007; wife’s name is Erin.



*Mitch Tropila*

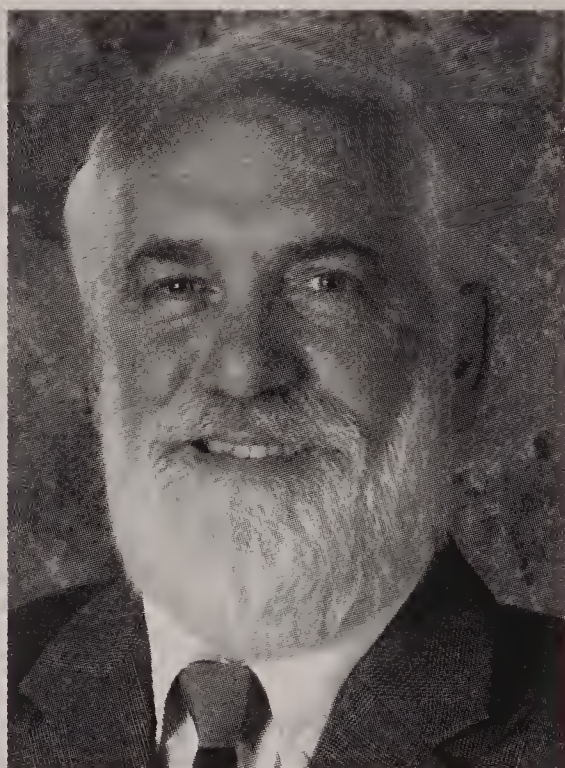




*Bruce Tutvedt*

**Bruce Tutvedt** - Kalispell, District 3, Republican. Born Nov. 2, 1955 in Kalispell, Flathead High graduate, B.S. in agricultural business from Montana State University; farmer/rancher; presidential appointment to Montana USDA Farm Services Agency Committee, elected chairman, Montana Wolf Management and Conservation Plan member, Flathead Basin Commission citizen member, served in Senate 2009, wife's name is Linda; they have three children, Valerie, Emily and Andora.

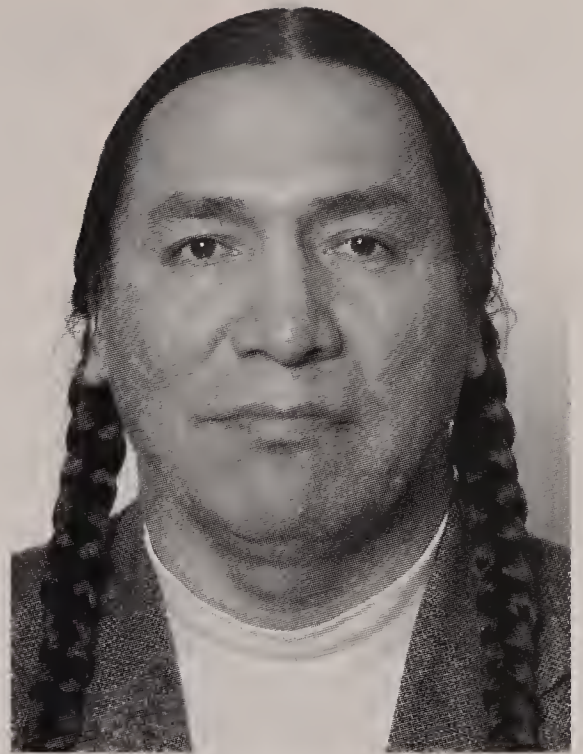
**David Wanzenried** - Missoula, District 49, Democrat. Born Nov. 20, 1948 in Upland, Calif., came to Montana in 1968; Twin Falls, Idaho, High School graduate; B.A. and M.A. in political science from University of Montana; transportation marketing and sales; Gov. Ted Schwinden's chief of staff 1981-84, Montana Labor Commissioner 1984-86; served in House 1991-94 from Kalispell and 2001-06 from Missoula, minority leader 2003-04, Democratic leader, 2005-06; served in Senate since 2007; he has two sons, Nick and Michael.



*Dave Wanzenried*



**Jonathan Windy Boy** - Rocky Boy, District 16, Democrat. Born Aug. 28, 1958 in Fort Belknap; Box Elder High graduate, degree in telecommunications from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; Chippewa-Cree Tribal Councilman; served in House 2003-08, in Senate 2009; he has a companion, Sarah Singer, a daughter Jennifer Rose and two granddaughters.



*Jonathan Windy Boy*



*Ryan Zinke*

**Ryan Zinke** - Whitefish, District 2, Republican. Born Nov. 1, 1961 in Bozeman; Whitefish High graduate, B.S. in geology from University of Oregon, M.S. in finance from University of San Diego, M.S. in global leadership from National University; small business owner; Great Northern Veterans Peace Park Foundation founder and president, Rotary Club, Trout Unlimited, Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, National Rifle Association; Deputy Commander Special Forces in Iraq 2004, retired U.S. Navy Seal; served in Senate 2009, he and his wife Lola have three children Jennifer, Wolf and Konrad, and one grandchild.



# Lawmakers of Montana

A great tradition dating back more than half a century, “Lawmakers of Montana” was first published for the 1951 session of the Montana Legislature.

The first edition had a light green cover which noted it was “Compliments of Sen. J. Hugo Aronson.” History buffs know that Aronson, a Republican oil producer from Cut Bank, was elected Montana governor the following year. The first book was compiled by E.N. Joffray who was an assistant sergeant-at-arms. It is unclear whether he served in the Senate or the House of Representatives. In addition to Gov. John Bonner, Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon and the legislators, photos of the secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house and sergeant-at-arms in both bodies appeared in the first book. This, however, was the only year staff photos were printed.

Subsequent “Lawmakers of Montana” in the 1950’s had light colored tan, green and blue covers until 1959 when the cover was metallic gold, similar to the copper cover today. Those editions were “Compliments of The Independent Record.” The only session since 1951 for which “Lawmakers of Montana” was not published was 1961. This was roughly the time the Anaconda Copper Company sold its Montana newspapers, including Helena’s Independent Record, to Lee Enterprises. Former Montana Gov. Tim Babcock and former House member Jerome Anderson, a long-time lobbyist, have confirmed that this is why no book was published for that session.

Publication resumed for the 1963 session and has continued until today with basically the same format. These versions have all had metallic copper covers, hence the book’s nickname, the “Copper Book.” The Anaconda Company, Butte, published the book until it became a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. When, for the 1987 session, Atlantic Richfield announced it would no longer publish “Lawmakers of Montana,” a group of trade associations banded together to assure this yearbook of legislators would continue to be printed.

“Lawmakers of Montana” remains a valuable resource for legislators, lobbyists and reporters as well as the public with its photos and background information about each of the 150 legislators plus the governor and the lieutenant governor. This is thanks to those listed at the front of the book who have chosen to be sponsors of this great Montana tradition.

*Pamela Patrick Langley, publisher & editor*





# **The House**

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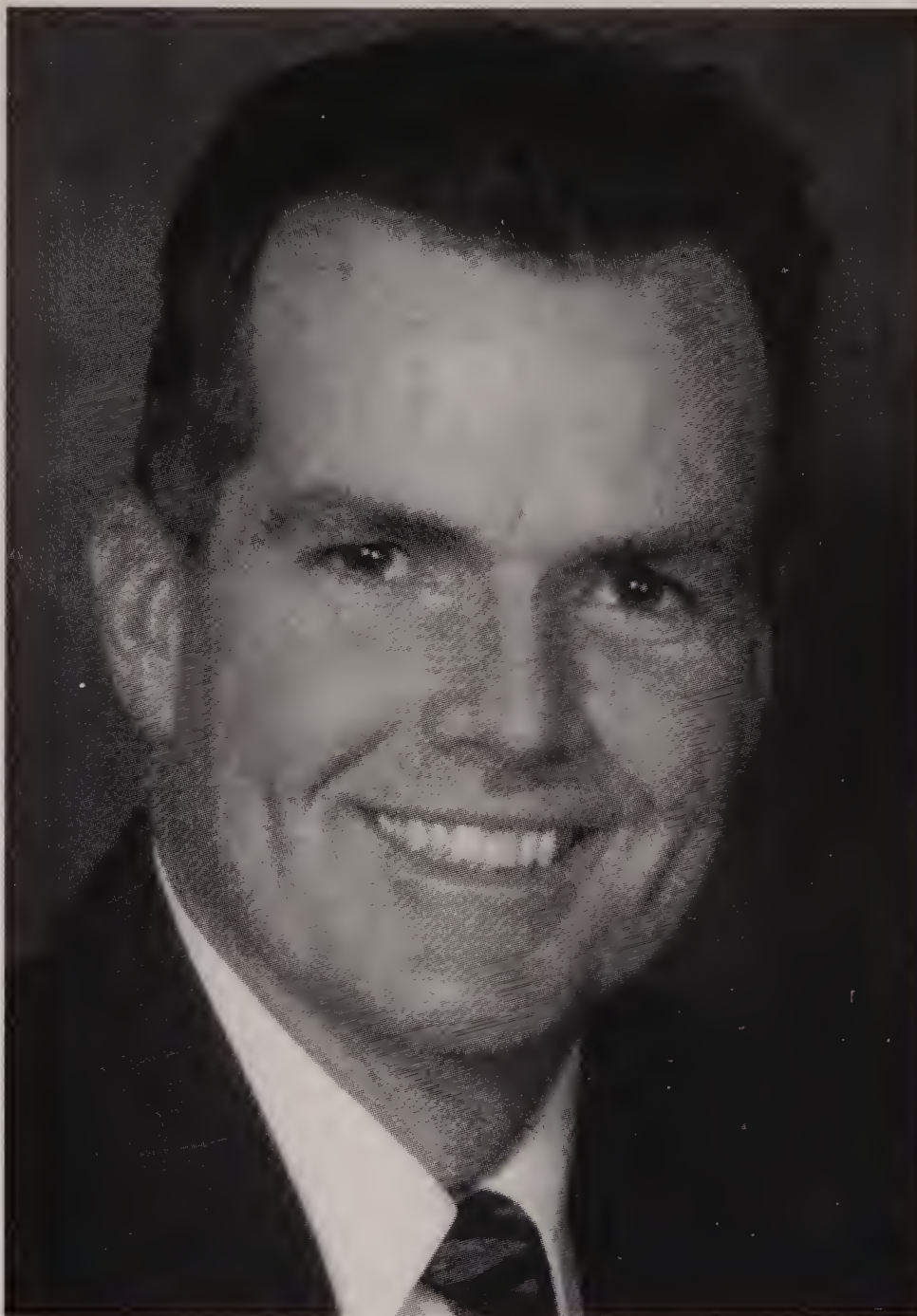




**BOB BERGREN**  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

**Bob Bergren** - Havre, District 33, Democrat. The Speaker of the House of Representatives was born Nov. 9, 1963 in Havre and is a Havre High graduate. A retired firefighter and emergency medical technician, he is co-owner with his wife of Julie's Hallmark in Havre. The speaker served on the Havre City Council from 1994-96. He is a former member of the Montana State Fireman's Association executive board, and is a past president of the International Association of Firefighters Local 601 in Havre. Rep. Bergren serves as a member of the Montana State AFL-CIO executive board. Speaker Bergren has served in the House since 2003. His leadership positions in the House include Democratic whip in 2005-06, deputy minority leader in 2007-08 and Speaker of the House for 2009-10. He and his wife Julie have a son Bobby and a daughter Shannon.





**SCOTT SALES**  
**House of Representatives Republican Leader**

**Scott Sales** - Bozeman, District 68, Republican. The Republican Leader was born July 26, 1960 in Douglas, Wyo. and graduated from Borah High in Boise, Idaho. He earned a B.B.A. in industrial business from Boise State University. Rep. Sales moved to Montana in 1992 and is a private investor in the Gallatin Valley. He is a member of the National Rifle Association and the CATO Institute. Rep. Sales has served in the House since 2003 including as vice chair of the House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee in 2005-06 and as a member of the House Taxation and Education committees. He served as Speaker of the House in 2007-08 and continues in the leadership as House Republican Leader for 2009-10 in the evenly divided House of Representatives. He and his wife Sandie have a son, Colten, and two daughters, Emma and Rachel.



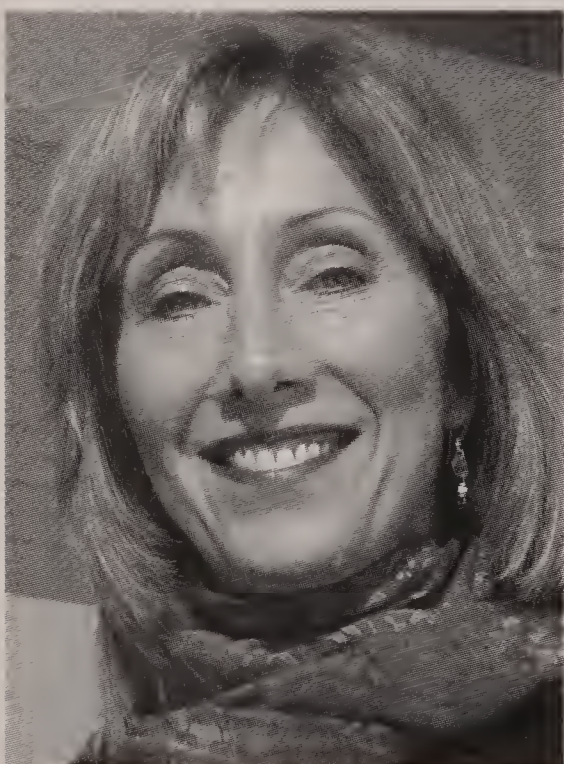


*Margarett H. Campbell  
Democrat Floor Leader*

**Scott Mendenhall** - Clancy, District 77, Republican. Born Nov. 9, 1962 in Riverton, Wyo., and came to Montana in 1989; Wind River High graduate in Pavilion, Wyo., B.S. and M.S. in agricultural economics from the University of Wyoming; manager for Marks Lumber, business owner, rancher; active in local church; served in House since 2003, Republican floor leader 2009-10; wife's name is Audrey; they have four children, Melissa, Blake, Simonie and Chloe.



*Scott Mendenhall  
Republican Floor Leader*

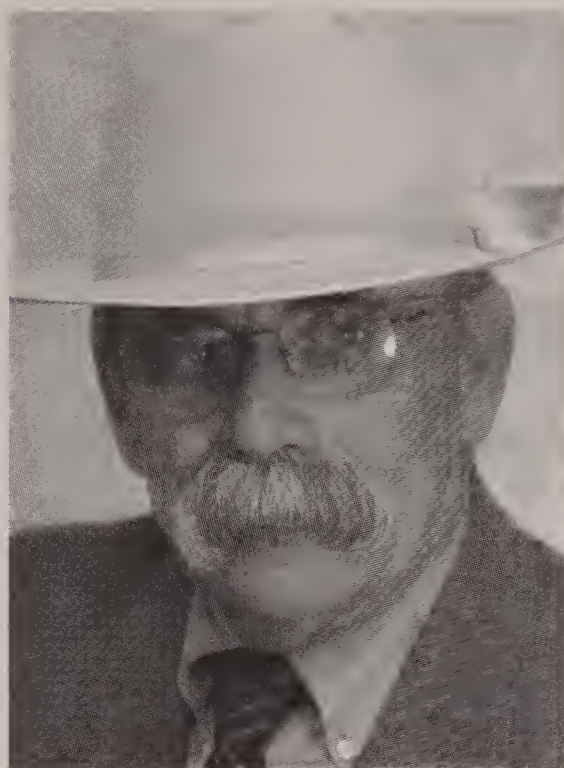


*Franke Wilmer,  
Speaker Pro Tempore*

**Franke Wilmer** — Bozeman, District 64, Democrat. Born Dec. 2, 1950 in Washington, D.C., moved to Montana in 1991; Charles Town, W.Va., High School graduate, B.S. from Shepherd University in West Virginia, M.A. and Ph.D. from University of Maryland; MSU political science professor; Montana Human Rights Commission chair 2005-06, Montana Committee for the Humanities member 1997-2001, Gallatin Human Rights Task Force member and founder; served in House since 2007, speaker pro tempore 2009-10; divorced, she has a daughter Kristin Bowman and four grandchildren.

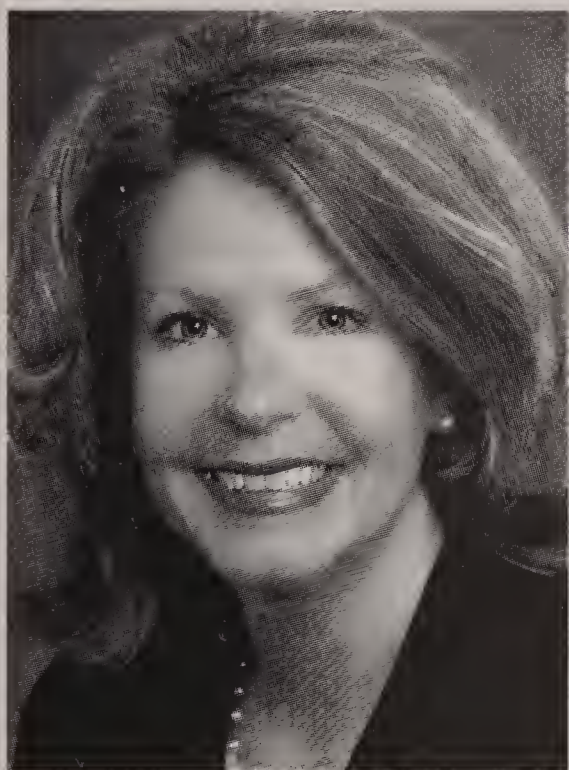


**Duane Ankney** – Colstrip, District 43, Republican. Born April 14, 1946 in Lewiston, Idaho, and came to Montana in 1969; Lapwai, Idaho, High School graduate; Westmoreland Coal Co. crushing superintendent; Colstrip School board former trustee, AAU wrestling past president, Montanans for Responsible Energy Development member, Montana Job Training Coordinating Council; U.S. Navy air crewman, 1964-69; served in House since 2007; wife's name is Carol Schillinger Ankney, they have five children, Dusti, Chris, Kevin, Pete and Nick, and five grandchildren.



*Duane Ankney*

**Elsie Arntzen** - Billings, District 53, Republican. Born May 7, 1956 in Billings; Billings West graduate, B.S. in economics from University of Montana, B.A. in education from MSU-Billings; elementary teacher; YWCA executive board, Yellowstone County DUI Task Force, Forever Families Board, Boys and Girls Club Alliance Board; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Steven, they have two daughters, Kendra and McKinzie.



*Elsie Arntzen*

**Shannon J. Augare** – Browning, District 16, Democrat. Born Oct. 29, 1979 in Tacoma, Wash., and came to Montana the same year; Browning High School graduate, attended University of Montana, B.A. in psychology and paralegal studies University of Great Falls; Glacier Cascades LLC consulting firm owner; National Caucus of Native American Legislators vice chair and economic development committee member, Boys & Girls Club of North Central Montana board, Camp Sky Child board, Glacier County Democrats, Montana Democratic Party former executive committee member, served in House since 2007, Democrat whip 2009-10; single.



*Shannon J. Augare  
Democrat Whip*





*Dick Barrett*

**Dick Barrett** - Missoula, District 93, Democrat. Born July 23, 1942 in Upland, Calif., moved to Montana in 1970; Bronxville, N.Y., High graduate, B.A. in economics Swarthmore College, M.A. and Ph.D in economics University of Wisconsin; retired University of Montana economics professor; UM teachers union past president, Montana Federation of Teachers past treasurer, Montana Conservations Voters past co-chair, Missoula Planned Parenthood past chair, Missoula Food Bank past board member; served in House 2009; he and his wife Sharon have a daughter, Myra Barrett Frisbie.

**Russell Bean** - Augusta, District 17, Republican. Born Nov. 14, 1960 in Fort Sill, Okla. when his father was in the military, family returned to Montana when he was a year old; CM Russell graduate, B.S. in secondary education and M.S. in vocational education from MSU-Northern, administration certificate from University of Montana; rancher, construction independent contractor and crop adjusting; Augusta Fire Dept. fireman, Augusta volunteer ambulance EMT, Augusta Fire Service Area board member; served in House 2009; he and his wife Teri have two children Matt and Teri.



*Russell Bean*

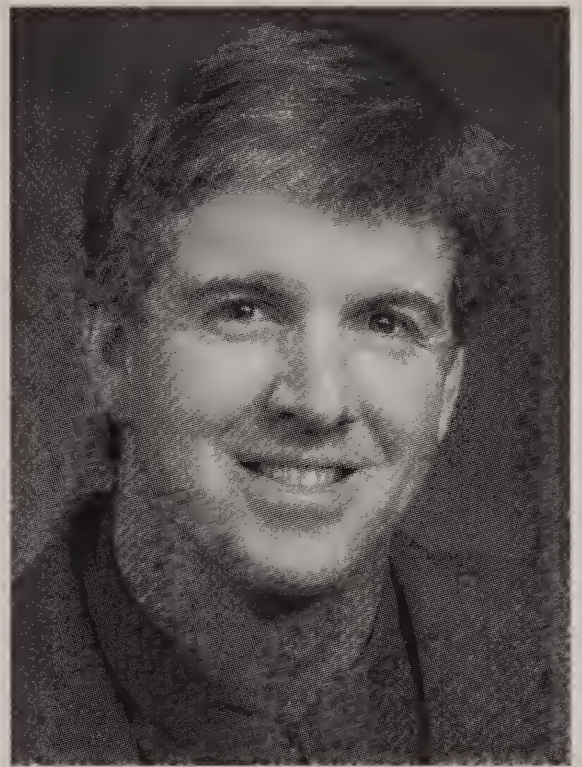


*Bill Beck*

**Bill Beck** – Whitefish, District 6, Republican. Born Dec. 6, 1934 in Philadelphia and moved to Montana in 1990. Bladensburg, Md., High School graduate, B.S.business administration Maryland University, M.A. business administration Central Michigan; retired—District of Columbia treasurer administering real property taxes and public safety training; Save the Old Main Association director, Whitefish Fire Board , Kiwanis, American Legion, Whitefish Winter Carnival board &King ULLR XLIII; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House since 2007; he and his wife Roberta have four children—Chip, Tracy, Barry and Darren—and nine grandchildren.



**Paul Beck** - Red Lodge, District 59, Democrat. Born Nov. 5, 1964 in Mitchell, S.D. and moved to Montana in 1997; De Norte High graduate in Colorado, B.A. in business and tourism from University of Colorado; owner of Montana Home Inspection; Carbon County Democrats past chair, MSUB Executive Board chair, Red Lodge Youth Soccer competitive league coach, served in House 2009; he and his wife Rena have two children, Connor and Logan.



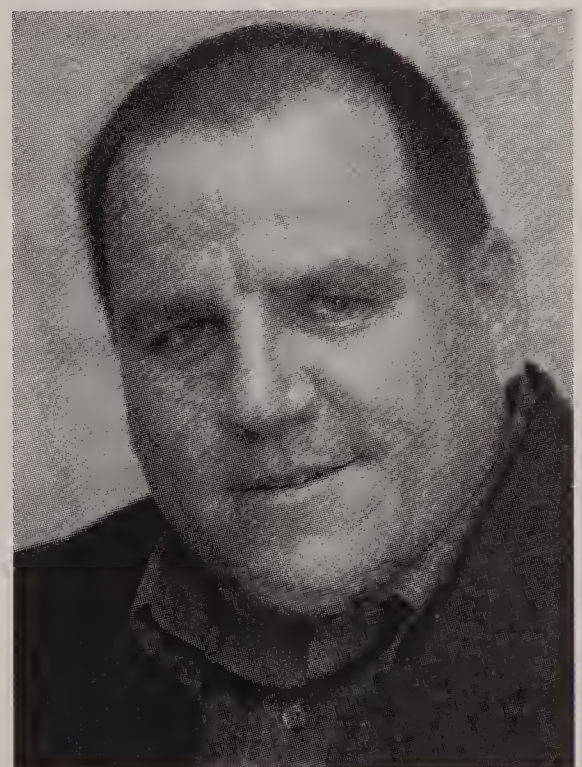
*Paul Beck*



*Arlene Becker*

**Arlene Becker** - Billings, District 52, Democrat. Born Dec. 27, 1948 in Rock Falls, Ill., and relocated to Montana in 1982; Rock Falls High graduate, B.S. and M.S. in nursing from Loyola University in Chicago, B.S. in business and accounting, MSU-Billings; certified public accountant and registered nurse; avid outdoors woman enjoying skiing, whitewater rafting and fishing; Chicago Cubs fan; served in House 1991-92 and since 2003, widow.

**Tony Belcourt** - Box Elder, District 32, Democrat. Born Nov. 8, 1971 in Havre; Box Elder High School graduate, certified farrier from Tucson School of Horseshoeing; CEO of Chippewa Cree Construction Corporation; Intertribal Agricultural Council past chair, Tribal Conservation Issues Committee past chair; served in House 2009; he and his wife Hailey have a daughter Cassidy and a son Jamesy.



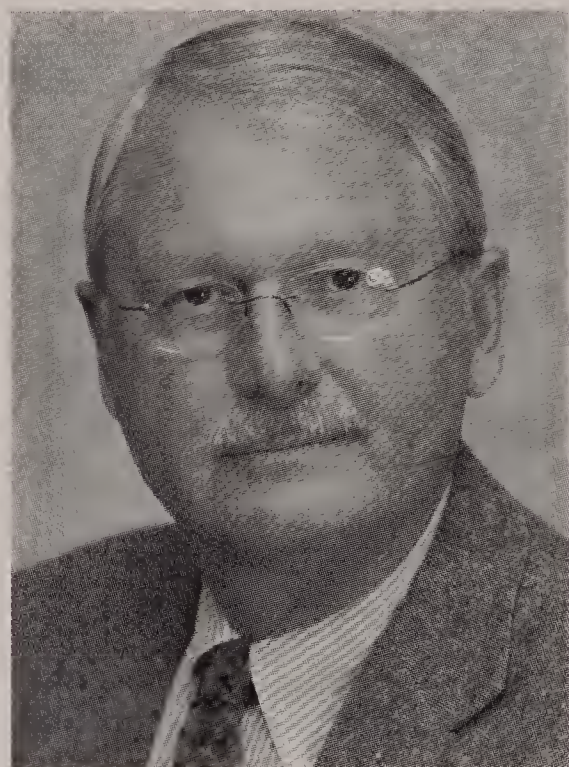
*Tony Belcourt*





*Jerry Bennett*

**Jerry Bennett** - Libby, District 1, Republican. Born Aug. 15, 1956 in Fairbanks, Alaska, and moved to Montana in 1960; Libby High graduate; self-employed in service industry; Fisher Rural Fire Department Co., Libby Saddle Club, Pregnancy Care Center, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Libby Parks District, Libby Loggers Day Committee, St. John's Hospital Foundation Board; served in House 2009; he and his wife Malia have a daughter Amy, a son Coby, a daughter-in-law Bethany and three grandchildren.



*Tom Berry*

**Tom Berry** – Roundup, District 45, Republican. Born July 12, 1949 in Sidney; Dawson County High graduate, attended Dawson Community College, Dickinson State and MSU-Billings; rancher and independent insurance agency owner; Livingston Rotary past president, Roundup Rotary past president, Musselshell County Planning Board, Tri-County Housing in Roundup, Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce past president, Livingston Rodeo Assn. past vice president; Montana Army National Guard; served in House 2009; he and his wife Colleen have two children Michelle and Ryan and two grandchildren.



*Mark Blasdel*

**Mark Blasdel** – Somers, District 10, Republican. Born June 12, 1976 in Kalispell, Flathead High School graduate, B.A. in hospitality administration from the University of Nevada Las Vegas; restaurant owner; member of Kalispell and Lakeside-Somers Chambers of Commerce; served in House since 2007; wife's name is Renee Blasdel, they have a daughter Elizabeth Mae.



**Anders Blewett** - Great Falls, District 21, Democrat. Born Aug. 18, 1980 in Great Falls; Great Falls High graduate; B.A. in government from Harvard University, J.D. from University of Montana; attorney; served in House 2009, single.



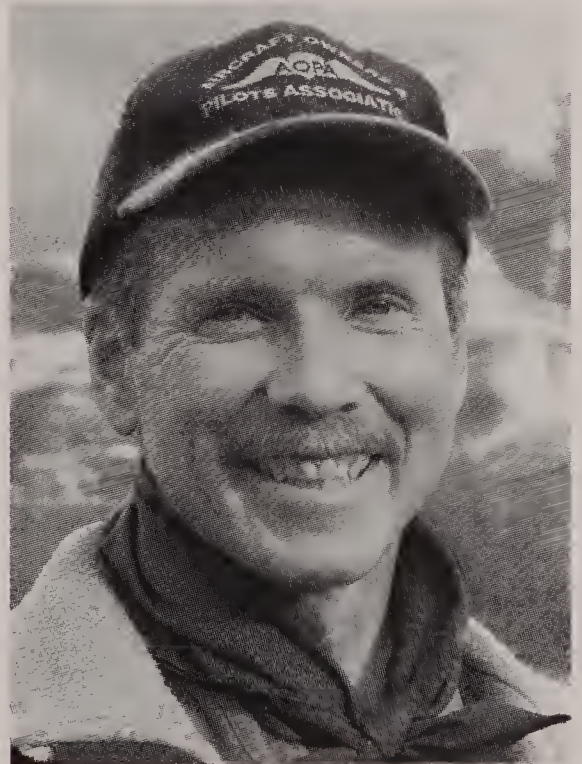
*Anders Blewett*



*Carlie Boland*

**Carlie Boland** - Great Falls, District 23, Democrat. Born Sept. 7, 1949 in Lewistown; Fergus County High graduate; exercise and fitness specialist; Montana Opticians Association past president, first female registered optician in Montana, she is serving in House with her brother-in-law Roy Hollandsworth; served in House 2007; she and her husband Brian have a son Jeff and two grandchildren.

**Joel Boniek** - Emigrant, District 61, Republican. Born June 29, 1961 in Flint, Mich. and moved to Montana in 1988; Christ the Master Lutheran Church graduate in Michigan, A.A. from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN and B.S. in German from Mankato State University; wilderness guide in Montana and Alaska; Livingston St. Paul's Lutheran Church member, aircraft pilot with a commercial rating, traveled on five continents, taught English in Mongolia and Laos, charitable work in Nicaragua and Sri Lanka; served in House 2007; wife's name is Susan.



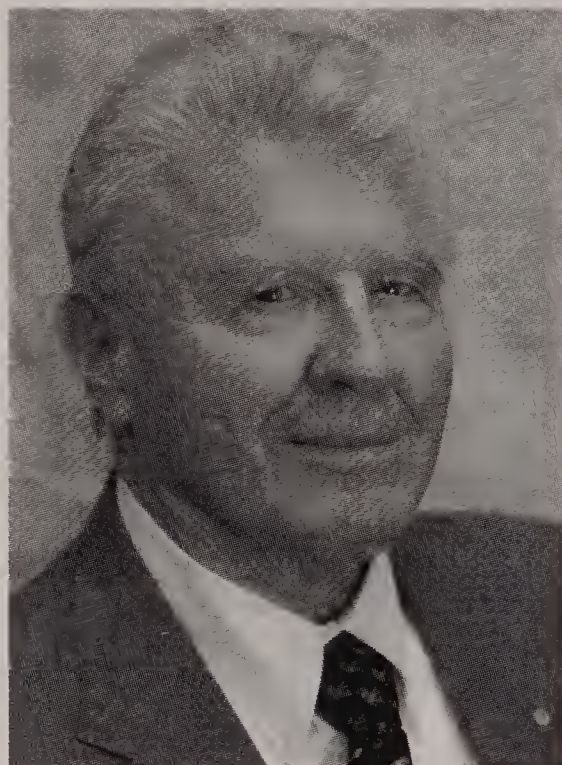
*Joel Boniek*





*Dee Brown, Republican Whip*

**Edward Butcher** - Winifred, District 29, Republican. Born July 20, 1943 in Lewistown; Fergus High School graduate, B.A. MSU-Billings, M.A. University of Montana, post graduate, University of Colorado and North Dakota State; rancher-businessman; Fergus County Government Review Commission chair 1994-96, Montana Term Limits Committee chair 1992, Montana Board of Crime Control Youth Justice Council, 1976-80; served in Senate 2001-04, transportation chair, served in House since 2005, House agriculture chair 2005, 2007, wife's name is Pam, they have three children and nine grandchildren.



*Edward Butcher*



*Mary Caferro*

**Dee Brown** - Hungry Horse, District 3, Republican. Born Oct. 22, 1948 in Rugby, N.D. and moved to Montana at age two; Columbia Falls High graduate, B.A. elementary education University of Montana, M.A. guidance-counseling MSU-Northern; campground owner; Columbia Falls Chamber, North Valley Hospital Foundation, Montana Tourism Coalition, Campground Owners Assn., Montana Travel Industry Assn., NFIB, Montana Snowmobile Assn. Northwest Montana Retired Teachers, Delta Kappa Gamma; served in Montana House 2001-06, 2009, Republican whip 2009-10; she and her husband Steve have two children, Ryan and Dedee, and a grandchild Ethan.

**Mary Caferro** - Helena, District 80, Democrat. Born Sept. 16, 1959 in Whitefish; White High School graduate, attended Helena College of Technology; Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL) community organizer; Gro Montana, YWCA, Kids Count Advisory Council, Helena Golden Nuggets, Northwest Energy Coalition, soccer coach, has lobbied on behalf of low-income issues; served in House since 2005; children are Margaret, Hallie, Joseph and Kenji.



**Forrestina “Frosty” Calf Boss Ribs** -Heart Butte, District 15, Democrat. Born April 12, 1955 in Browning; Browning High School graduate, B.A. in elementary education from University of Montana; teacher; Blackfeet Community College board chairman, Montana Education Association/ Montana Federation of Teachers minority chairman; serving in House 2009; husband’s name is Pat, they have four children Pat. Jr., Forrest, Ronald and Shelley and twelve grandchildren.



*Forrestina “Frosty” Calf Boss Ribs*



*Jill Cohenour*

**Jill Cohenour** - East Helena, District 78. Democrat. Born July 2, 1966 in Havre, Havre High graduate; bachelors in chemistry and graduate work, University of Montana; State Environmental Lab chemist; Montana Hope Project volunteer, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, East Helena PTA, Montana Conservation Voters, Federation of Public Health and Human Services Local #4573 president, MEA-MFT Board of Directors; served in House since 2003; husband’s name is Joe; they have two children, Allysha and Taylor.

**Sue Dickenson** - Great Falls, District 25, Democrat. Born Aug. 24, 1945 in Billings; Billings Senior graduate; B.A. history and political science from University of Montana; retired educator; Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Cascade County DUI Task Force, Governor’s Advisory Council on Climate Change, House natural resources and state administration committees, education and local Government interim committee, Environmental Quality Council member; served in House since 2003; husband’s name is Bob, they have three grown children, Craig, Amy and Dave.



*Sue Dickenson*

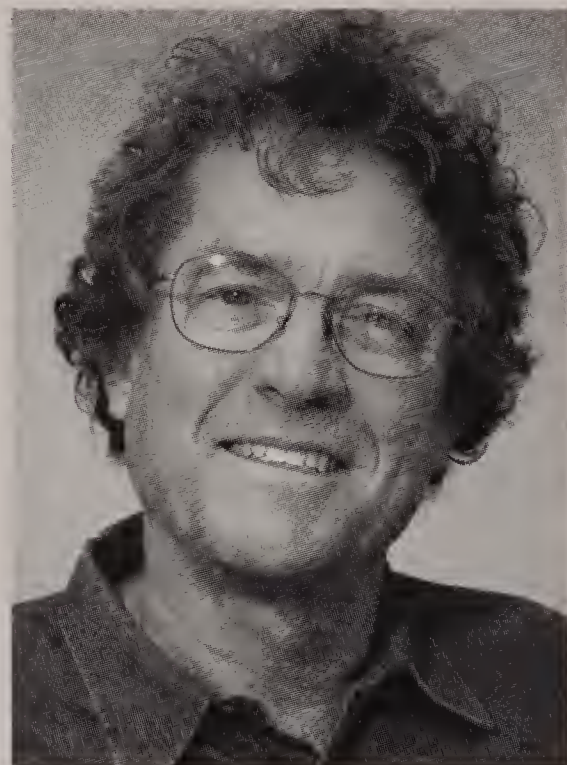




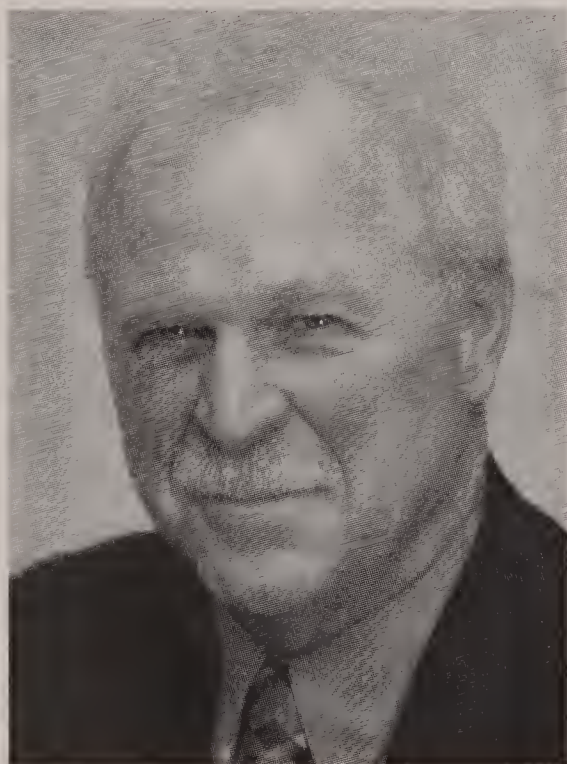
*Robyn Driscoll*

**Robyn Driscoll** - Billings, District 51, Democrat. Born July 16, 1962 in Billings; Billings Senior graduate, bachelors degree in history-political science from Rocky Mountain College; community education coordinator; serves on insurance committee and diversity committee for Billings Public Schools; served in House since 2005; daughter Mindi lives in Butte.

**Bob Ebinger** – Livingston, District 62, Democrat. Born Dec. 26, 1944 in Columbus, Ohio, and came to Montana in 1994. Columbus Academy graduate, B. A. history Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., M.A. cinema from USC; small businessman and cinema & video photography director; Livingston City Commissioner 2002-06, Montana Film Center president, Livingston Center for Art and Culture president, Park Co. Environmental Council, Livingston Mercantile, Rotary, Elks, Livingston Downtown Assn, Montana Ambassadors, Livingston Historic Preservation Commission; served in House since 2007; spouse's name is Robin Hoggan Ebinger.



*Bob Ebinger*



*John Fleming*

**John Fleming** – St. Ignatius, District 12, Democrat. Born Nov. 12, 1946 in Polson; Ronan High graduate, B.A. in business from Carroll College, M.Ed from University of Montana; teacher-rancher; Lake County Planning Board chairman, rural fire board, YMCA soccer; U.S. Army 1969-71; served in House 2009; he and his wife Lydia have three sons, Louis, Will and Ian.



**Julie E. French** – Scobey, District 36, Democrat. Born March 25, 1953 in Scobey; Scobey High graduate, A.A. Williston, N.D., State College; physical therapist asst. and executive asst. North American Conference Presentation Sisters; Daniels County Chamber, Daniels County Council on Aging, Daniels County Transportation Advisory Council, Montana Catholic Conference past president, Daniels County Ambulance Assn. Scobey Golf Club; served in House since 2007, Democrat whip, 2009-10; she and her husband Stanley have three children, Dan, David and Rebecca, and two grandchildren.



*Julie French, Democrat Whip*



*Tim Furey*

**Tim Furey** - Milltown, District 91, Democrat. Born June 29, 1954 in Cloquet, Minn., and moved to Montana in 1975; Cloquet High graduate, A.A. in marketing McHenry College, B.A. forestry-recreational management University of Montana, M.A. public administration Northern Illinois; nonprofit administrator; Camp Mak-A-Dream, Bonner Development Group, Opportunity Ranch & Friends of Two Rivers; Rotary, Blackfoot Challenge, Clark Fork Coalition, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; US. Marine Corp 1972-74; served in House since 2007; wife's name is Sue, sons are Kevin, Brian and Thomas.

**Dennis Getz** - Glendive, District 38, Democrat. Born Feb. 23, 1951 in Baker; Dawson County High graduate, bachelors degree in sociology from Brigham Young University; BNSF railroad engineer since 1979; United Transportation Union Local 486 member and past president; served in House 2009, single.



*Dennis Getz*





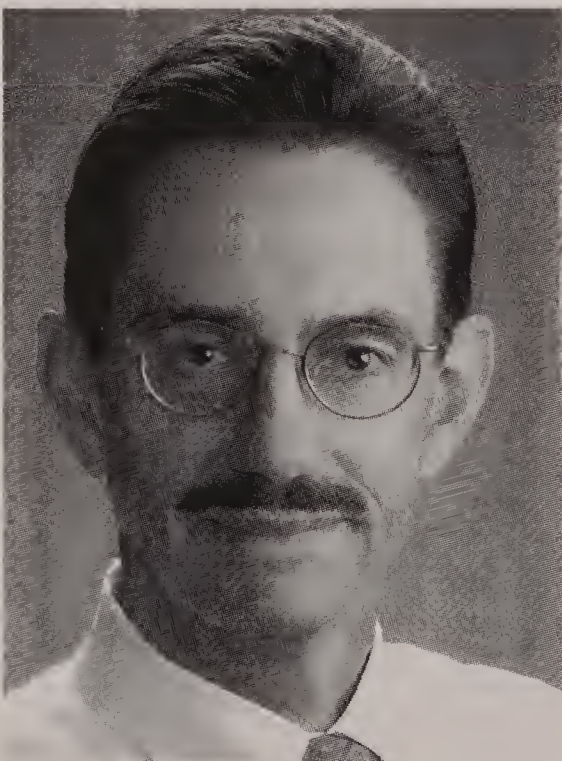
*William "Bill" Glaser*

**William "Bill" Glaser** - Huntley, District 44. Born Jan. 4, 1940 in Long Beach, Calif., graduated from high school in Huntington Beach, Calif.; came to Montana in 1957; agri-business; former sound contractor; served in House 1985-1990, in Senate 1997-2004, in House since 2005; wife's name is Patsy, they have six children, thirteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

**Wanda Grinde** - Billings, District 48, Democrat. Born March 19, 1944 in Lewistown. Fergus High graduate; B.S. and M.S. in education from MSU-Billings; retired educator; MEA-MFT, AFL-CIO, Northern Plains Resource Council, Montana Conservation Voters, MSU-Billings Foundation Annual Drive, Billings Heights Task Force, Billings Heights Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee, Yellowstone County Democrat Central Committee Executive Board; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Rodney, they have two children, Rory and Kendra.



*Wanda Grinde*



*Robin L. Hamilton*

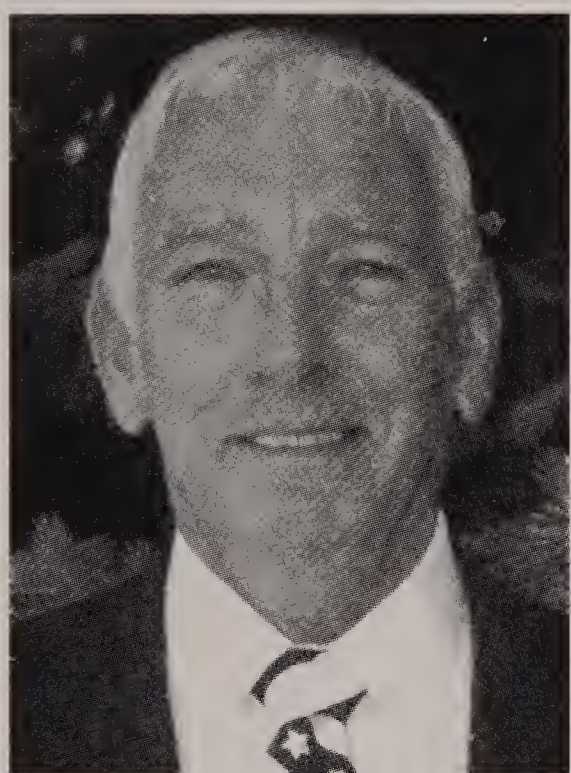
**Robin L. Hamilton** - Missoula, District 92, Democrat. Born June 12, 1947 in Missoula; Flathead High graduate; B.A., M.Ed. and M.F.A., from University of Montana; writer, retired English teacher, partner in The Shack restaurant; Kenesis Magazine National Poetry Contest first prize 1996, Missoula High School Education Association president 1993-94, Missoula Writers Collaborative president, Montana State K-16 Composition Committee 1998-99, Montana State English Standards Committee 1998-99; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Peggy Patrick, they have a son Ian.



**Betsy Hands** -- Missoula, District 99, Democrat. Born Jan. 20, 1970 in Melbourne, Australia, and lived in Australia for three years; B.A. in sustainable development from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and M.S. in environmental studies from University of Montana; legislator; former manager for Homeward, a nonprofit affordable housing corporation; served in Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa; served in House since 2007; single.



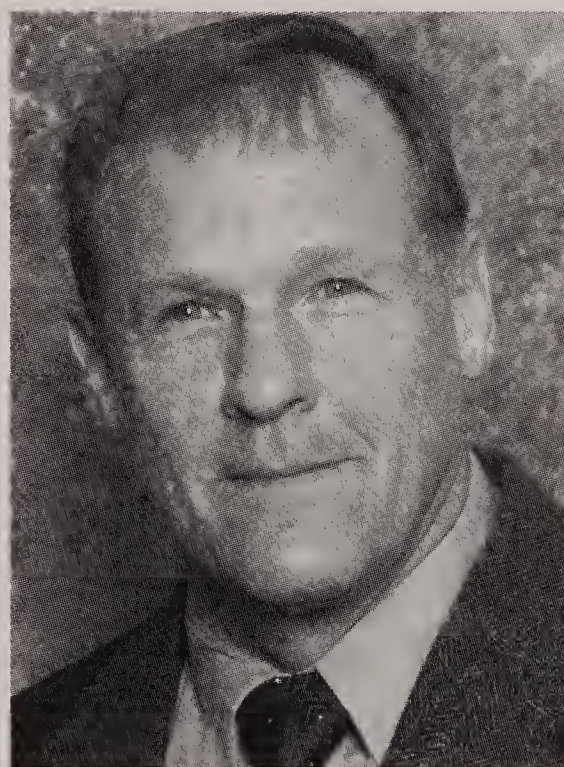
*Betsy Hands*



*Ray Hawk*

**Ray Hawk** - Florence, District 90, Republican. Born March 12, 1941 in Detroit, Mich., and came to Montana in 1959; Lee M. Thurston High School, Detroit, graduate, attended University of Montana two years; retired auctioneer; Montana Auctioneers Association past president and board member; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Arlene, they have two children, Lynn and Joe.

**Gordon Hendrick** - Superior, District 14, Republican. Born Feb. 16, 1949 in Toronto, Ontario, relocated in Montana in 1970; Alhambra High graduate; attended University of Montana; retired; Superior Mayor eleven years and Town Council three years, Search and Rescue president ten years, Disaster and Emergency Service deputy director, eight years and director one year; USDA Resources Advisory Council co-chair one year; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Vicky Ann, they have two children, Jennifer and Scott, and five grandchildren.



*Gordon Hendrick*





*Teresa K. Henry*

**Teresa K. Henry** - Missoula, District 96, Democrat. Born Aug. 15, 1952 in Port Huron, Mich., and came to Montana in 1989; Carmen High graduate in Flint, Mich., B.S. in nursing from Mercy College in Detroit and M.S. from University of California, San Francisco; registered nurse and assistant professor; Montana Nurses Association past president; Montana Women's Lobby Board past chair; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Stephen P. Egli.

**Dennis Himmelberger** - Billings, District 47, Republican. Born Aug. 2, 1955 in Lebanon, Pa., and came to Montana in 1980; Northern Lebanon High graduate; attended MSU-Billings; businessman; Billings Heights Task Force, Micro-Business Advisory Council 2001-02, Western Legislative Academy 2005 graduate, University of Virginia Emerging Political Leaders Program 2006; served in House 2001-02 and since 2005, Republican whip 2005-06, majority leader, 2007-08; divorced.



*Dennis Himmelberger*

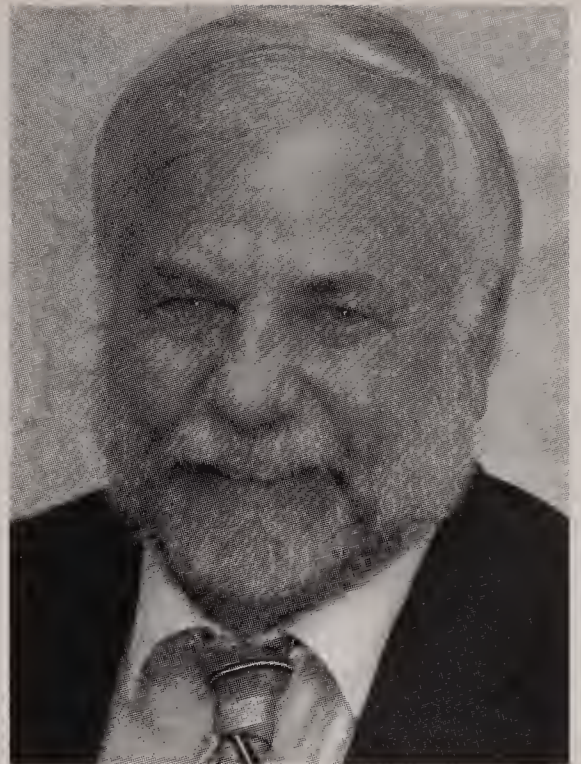


*Cynthia Hiner*

**Cynthia Hiner** - Deer Lodge, District 85, Democrat. Born Aug. 16, 1970 in Helena; Powell County High graduate, B.A. in nursing from Carroll College; Montana State Prison director of nursing; Powell County Ambulance Service director at large, Booster Club vice president, past local youth group board member, past union president; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Matt, they have two children, Jessica and Matison.



**Roy Hollandsworth** - Brady, District 28, Republican. Born July 22, 1947 in Great Falls; Conrad High graduate, attended Montana State University for two years majoring in mechanical engineering; farmer and ag businessman; Chouteau County Republican Central Committee chairman, Golden West Lutheran Church trustee, Eagle Bend Yacht Harbor treasurer, serving in House with sister-in-law Carlie Boland; served in House 2009; he and his wife Karen have five children, Jerad, Nicki, Taylor, Cindy and Derrick, and seven grandchildren.

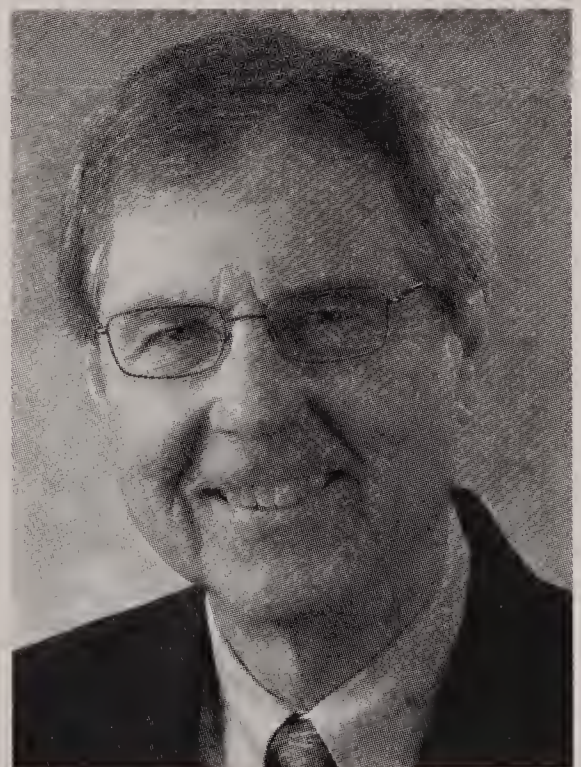


*Roy Hollandsworth*



*Galen Hollenbaugh*

**Galen Hollenbaugh** -- Helena, District 81, Democrat. Born Sept. 27, 1968 in Ann Arbor, Mich., and moved to Montana in 1971; Hellgate High School graduate, B.A. in political science and masters in public administration from University of Montana; Montana Department of Justice deputy chief of staff; Helena Big Brothers and Sisters volunteer & past board member, Lewis & Clark County Fair Board member, University of Montana Alumni Association, Montana Conservation Voters, Eagle Scout; served in House since 2007; wife's name is Maryann.



*Brian Hoven*

**Brian Hoven** - Great Falls, District 24, Republican. Born Nov. 28, 1941 in Great Falls; Great Falls High graduate, B.S. in engineering from Princeton University; farm equipment dealer; Cascade County Republican Committee chairman, Montana Equipment Dealers Association board of directors, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce; Army Reserves retired; served in House 2009; he and his wife Barbara have a daughter Dale, a son Sean and two grandchildren.





*David Howard*

**David Howard** - Park City, District 60, Republican. Born Oct. 19, 1946; high school graduate, B.S. in criminology from UCLA, M.S. in public administration from DePaul University in Chicago; CEO of a business that creates systems to prevent unethical work place acts; retired FBI agent in Montana and others states, former BLM chief law enforcement officer, operated and sold an investigative business; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 2009; he and his wife Carol have six daughters Cameo, Lacy, Juliana, Dara, Karissa and Ariena.

**Chuck Hunter** - Helena, District 79, Democrat. Born July 10, 1953 in Glenwood Springs, Colo. and moved to Montana in 1979; Darien High, Conn., graduate; B.A. liberal arts Elmira College, M.A. education University of Colorado; small business owner and retired state employee; former DPHSS Adminstrator for three divisions, former DOLI Umemployment Insurance administrator, Children's System of Care Planning Committee, Intermountain Board, Montana Children's Trust Fund, Myra Loy Center, Montana Wildlife Federation; served in House 2009; he and his wife Casi have four children Jeff, Tia, Tyler and Cole.



*Chuck Hunter*



*Pat Ingraham*

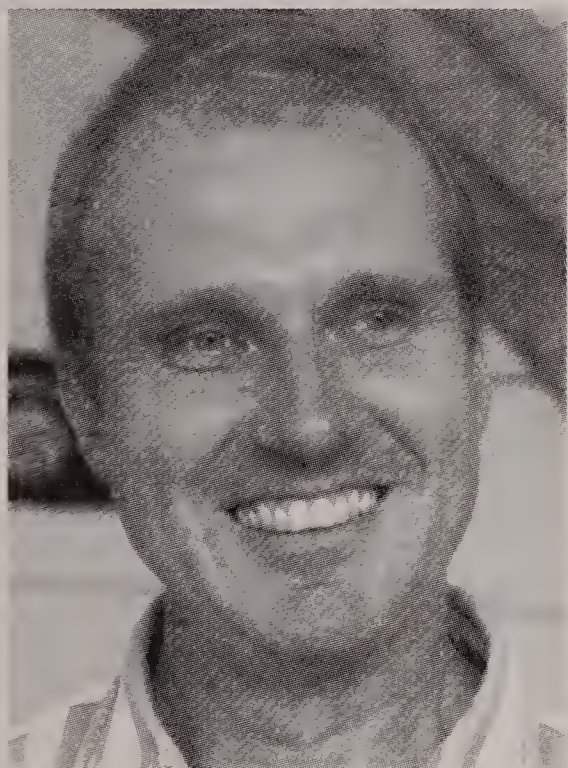
**Pat Ingraham** — Thompson Falls, District 13, Republican. Born April 29, 1950 in Derry, N.H., moved to Montana in 1974; graduate equivalency degree; legislator; Sanders County Clerk & Recorder-Assessor-Surveyor 1998-2006; Thompson Falls City Study Commission, Thompson Falls Christian Church active member 32 years; served in House since 2007; husband's name is Gerald, they have four children, Jerry, Tina, Tyler and Candy, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



**Llew Jones** - Conrad, District 27, Republican. Born Dec. 2, 1962 in Helena; Conrad High graduate, B.S. in ag business and M.S. applied economics from Montana State University; farmer, rancher and small business owner; Conrad Chamber of Commerce past president, Pondera Coalition for Progress president, Golden Triangle Pachyderm Club president, Conrad wrestling past president, Conrad city councilman for two terms; served in House since 2005, Republican whip 2009-10; wife's name is Carole, they have four children, Eddie, Daniel, Aaron and Dania, and three grandchildren.



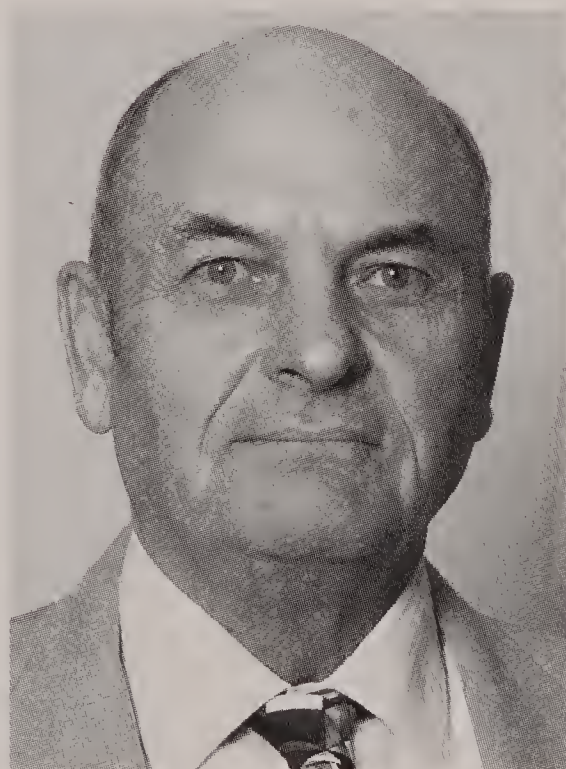
*Llew Jones, Republican Whip*



*Mike Jopek*

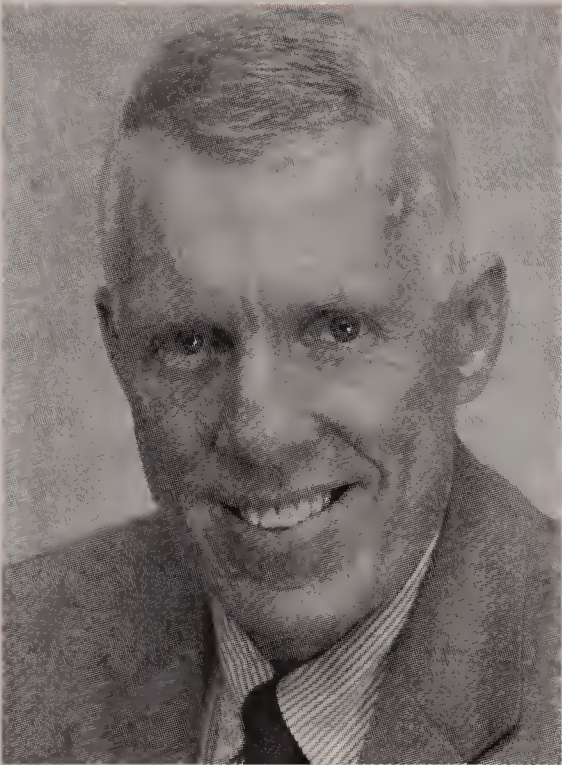
**Mike Jopek** - Whitefish, District 4, Democrat. Born June 6, 1964 in Finland and moved to Whitefish in 1988; graduated from Masacoma High in Canaan, N.H., majored in engineering at the University of New Hampshire; owner of an organic market garden and free-range chicken operation with his partner Pam; has served as Whitefish Housing Authority chair and Whitefish City-County Planning Board chair; served in House since 2005, House agriculture committee chair 2009; partner's name is Pam Gerwe.

**Dave Kasten** - Brockway, District 30, Republican. Born June 21, 1939 in Watkins, Mont.; Circle High graduate and military police academy graduate; rancher; Salem Lutheran Church past president, Circle Chamber of Commerce past president, McCone 100 Club president, has served on local, regional and national boards and committees; U.S. Army veteran; served in House and on appropriations committee 2001-04 and in House since 2007; in 2001 he replaced his wife Betty Lou Kasten in the House after she had served for six sessions, they have a daughter Elaine, son Tod and six grandchildren.



*Dave Kasten*





*Krayton Kerns, Republican Whip*

**Harry Klock** - Harlowton, District 83, Republican. Born March 29, 1948 in Lewistown; Harlowton High graduate; B.S. education Montana State University; rancher and bar owner; Harlowton School Board two years, Chamber of Commerce, Montana Tavern Association past president, American Beverage Licensees board and past vice president, Montana Stockgrowers Assn., Harlowton and Wheatland County Fire Dept. for 26 years with five years as fire chief; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Sharyn, they have two children, Kyle and Danika.



*Harry Klock*



*Deborah J. Kottel*

**Krayton Kerns** — Laurel, District 58, Republican. Born April 26, 1957 in Sheridan, Wyo., and moved to Montana in 1983; Tongue River, Wyo., High graduate, B.S. in microbiology from University of Wyoming, doctor of Veterinary medicine from Colorado State University; veterinarian; served in House since 2007, Republican whip 2009-10; wife's name is Druann Kerns, they have three children—Meagan, Chelsie and Tyler—and two grandchildren.

**Deborah J. Kottel** – Great Falls, District 20, Democrat. Born June 15, 1952 in Gary, Ind., moved to Montana in 1987; Riverside-Brookfield High School graduate, B.S. from Loyola University in Chicago, J.D. from DePaul University; University of Great Falls professor; Great Falls International Airport Authority board, 1999-2006, Commissioner of Transportation Area Three 2005-06, served in House 1995-98 and since 2007; single, she has one child, Drew Savage.



**Bob Lake** - Hamilton, District 88, Republican. Born March 18, 1938 in Ronan, Ronan High graduate; semi-retired, in commercial real estate; retired from commercial feed business in 2000; Montana Chamber of Commerce past chair, Montana Feed Assn. past president, delegate to White House Conference on Small Business, Montana Lottery Commission, Hamilton Lions, Board of Montana Council of Economic Education; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Faithe, they have a daughter Coleen, a son Ward and two granddaughters.



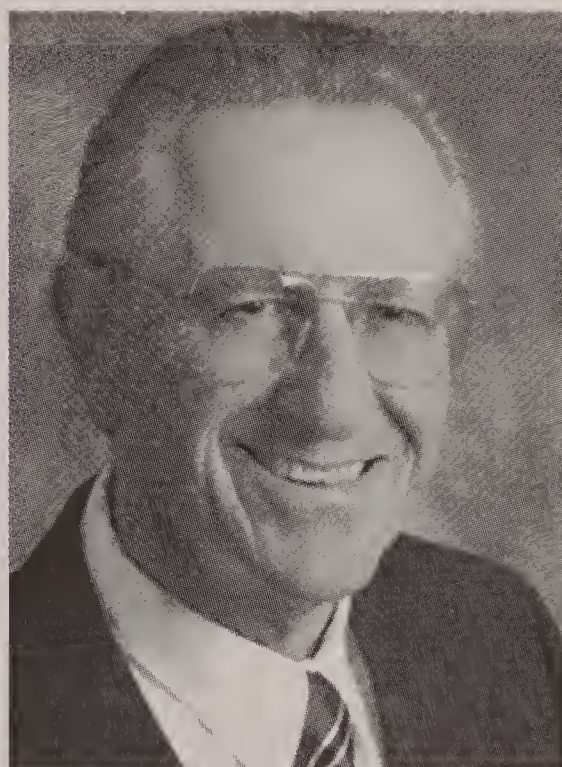
*Bob Lake*



*Margie MacDonald*

**Margie MacDonald** - Billings, District 54, Democrat. Born Aug. 31, 1951 in Glendive; Dawson County High graduate, B.S. in journalism from University of Montana; Western Organization of Resource Councils regional organizer; Yellowstone RSVP Community Advisory Group, Montana Governor's Office of Community Service 2005-06, Montana Association of Churches executive director 1990-2005, Billings Human Relations Commission chair 2002-04, St. John's Lutheran Ministeries Foundation Board 1996-2002; served in House 2009; husband's name is John Smillie, she has two children Sini and Charlie.

**Gary MacLaren**- Victor, District 89, Republican. Born March 28, 1942 in Santa Ana, Calif.; moved to Montana in 1995; graduated from high school in California; B. S. in chemistry from the University of California Berkeley; retired EDS Systems engineer; El Cerrito, Calif., City Council 1972-80, mayor, 1975-76, 1979-80; County Criminal Justice Agency; served in U.S. Navy, 1964-67; served in House since 2005; majority whip, 2007-08; wife's name is Kay, they have four children: Steve, Teri, Scott and Todd, and four grandchildren.



*Gary MacLaren*





*Sue Malek*

**Sue Malek** - Missoula, District 98, Democrat. Born Oct. 29, 1951 in Minot, N.D. and came to Montana in 1953; Conrad High graduate, B.S. in psychology from Montana State University, M.A. in communications studies from University of Montana; University of Montana academic adviser; Missoula City Government Study Commission chair, UM staff union president, Roosevelt Elementary School PTA president, Hellgate High writing coach; served in House 2009; husband's name is Bill Turner and they have a son Cory Turner.



*Dave McAlpin*

**Dave McAlpin** - Missoula, District 94, Democrat. Born May 18, 1965 in Polson; Polson High School and University of Montana graduate; Court Appointed Special Advocates of Missoula (CASA) executive director and small business owner; former director, Protect Montana Kids.org anti-tobacco/health care coalition. former Montana Supreme Court deputy clerk, former congressional staff for Sen. Max Baucus and Rep. Pat Williams, founding member of Progressive States Network, Flemming Leadership Institute 2006; served in House since 2005; spouse is Beth O'Halloran, they are the parents of two children, Greta and Ian.



*William L. McChesney*

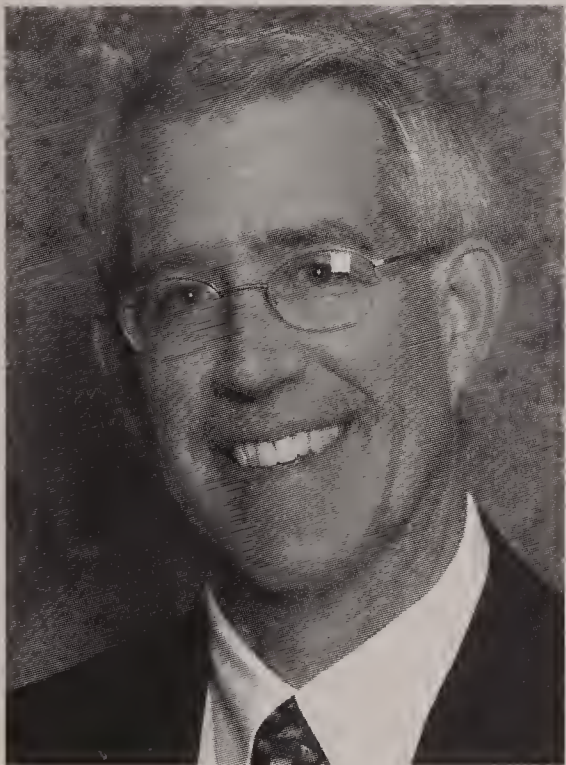
**William L. McChesney** – Miles City, District 40, Democrat. Born Oct. 3, 1948 in Missoula: Missoula Sentinel graduate, BA from University of Montana, Purdue University National Leadership Institute; retired from Montana Dept. of Transportation, works part time as a paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary in Miles City; Miles City Youth Soccer, Miles City Little Guy Football, Miles City Youth Basketball, Miles City Economic Development Council, youth coach and referee; served in House since 2007; wife's name is Louise, he is the parent of sons Sean and Ryan, and his late daughter Heather.



**Edith Zapata McClafferty** – Butte, District 75, Democrat. Born Sept. 25, 1960 in Butte; Butte High graduate, B.S. in elementary education University of Montana-Western; special education teacher; Butte-Silver Bow County Commissioner 1992-2001, Butte-Silver Bow Fire Commissioner, Butte-Silver Bow finance and budget committee chair, religious education teacher 1986-1992, Southwest Federal Credit Union board; served in House 2009; husband's name is Daniel, they have four children, Amber, Clark, Jenni and John, and three grandchildren.



*Edith Zapata McClafferty*



*Tom McGillvray,  
Republican Assistant Floor Leader*

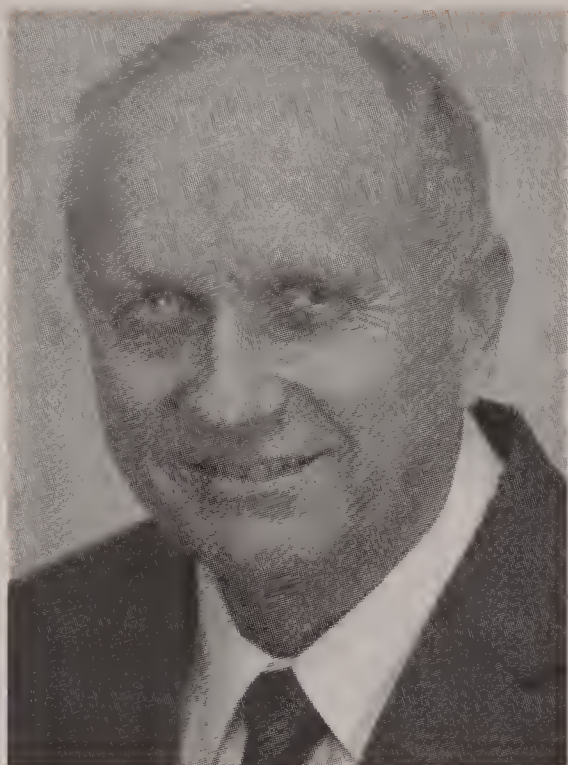
**Tom McGillvray** - Billings, District 50, Republican. Born May 22, 1957 in Helena, fifth generation Montanan; Powell County High graduate; B.S. agriculture from Montana State University; Certified Financial Planner (CFP); financial adviser; Faith Chapel in Billings member, Midland Empire Pachyderm member, Yellowstone County Family Drug Treatment Court board, Montana Board of Investments legislative member; served in House since 2005, majority whip, 2007-08, Republican assistant floor leader 2009-10; wife's name is Margaret; children are Erin, Bryan and Connor, they have one grandchild.

**Walter McNutt** - Sidney, District 37, Republican. Born Nov. 8, 1940 in Worland, Wyo., and came to Montana in 1957; Great Falls High graduate, B.S. in marketing and economics from University of Great Falls; ag implement dealer; Richland Development Corp past president, Richland Airport Authority board, Richland Solid Waste District board, Montana Essential Air Service Task Force, First Bank of Sidney director, Chamber of Commerce; Montana Air National Guard; served in Senate 1997 to 2004, president pro tempore, 2001-04; in House since 2005; wife's name is Karen, they have two daughters.



*Walt McNutt*





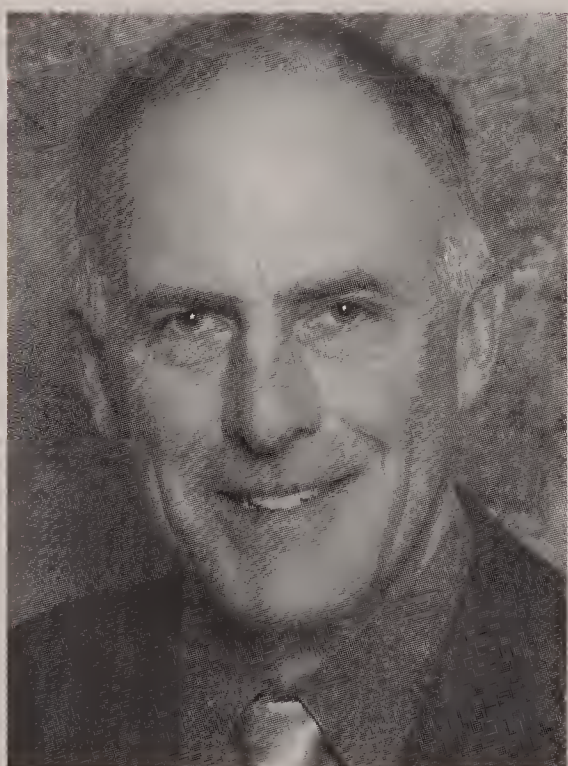
*Robert "Bob" Mehlhoff*

**Robert "Bob" Mehlhoff** - Great Falls, District 26, Democrat. Born Feb. 18, 1947 in Great Falls, Great Falls Central graduate, B.S. in math and chemistry from University of Great Falls, M.S. in educational technology from Lesley University; MSU Great Falls College of Technology business math teacher; retired from teaching math and chemistry at Big Sandy High School (29 years) and Great Falls Central (six years); Great Falls Neighborhood Council 2, served in House 2009, single.

**Mike Menahan** - Helena, District 82, Democrat. Born Nov. 13, 1963 in Helena; Anaconda High graduate, B.A. in political science and J.D. University of Montana; Lewis & County deputy county attorney; Grandstreet Theatre board member, Friendship Center board member, Central Montana Service Area Authority on Mental Illness board member; served in House 2009; wife's name is Stacy Tureck, they have two daughters, Mara and Clare.



*Mike Menahan*



*Mike Milburn*

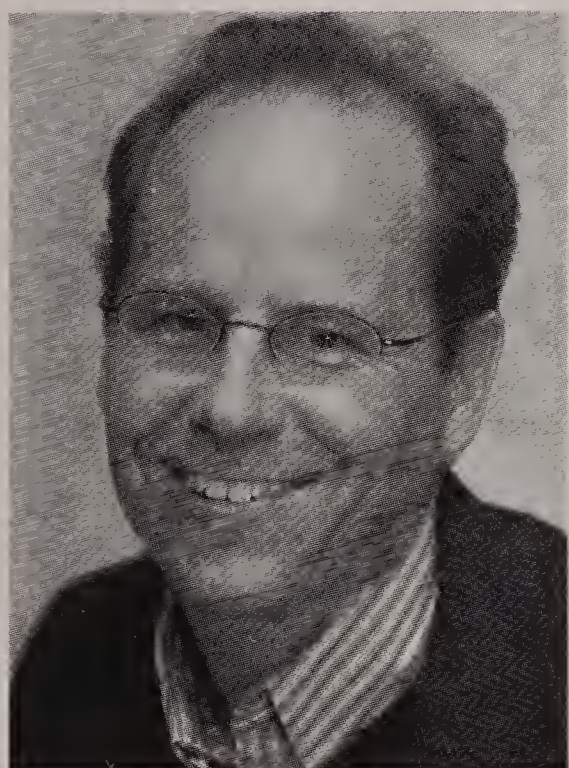
**Mike Milburn** - Cascade, District 19, Republican. Born Sept. 28, 1952 in Belleville, Ill. and came to Montana in 1953; Fergus High graduate; B.S. in earth science (geology) from Montana State University; farmer-rancher, former Mercy Flight air ambulance pilot, retired USAF pilot, former Cascade School Board of Trustees; United States Air Force and Montana Air National Guard; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Carleen, they have three children, Amy Kendra and Will, and three grandchildren.



**Mike Miller** — Helmville, District 84, Republican. Born July 11, 1952 in Albany, Calif., and moved to Montana in 1999; DeAnza High School graduate in Richmond, Calif., military electronics and computer training in U.S. Navy; Lakeview Computer Services owner; Powell County Republican Central Committee; U.S. Navy 1970-78; served in House 2009; wife's name is Jo Anne.



*Mike Miller*



*Michael More*

**Michael More** - Gallatin Gateway, District 70, Republican. Born June 14, 1963 in St. Paul, Minn. and moved to Montana in 1991; Buffalo Grove, Ill., High School graduate, B.S. in political science from University of Santa Clara, M.A. in dogmatic theology from International Catholic University; independent contractor; Bozeman Area Hockey Association, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Knights of Columbus, served in House 2009; single.

**Penny Morgan** - Billings, District 57, Republican. Born May 11, 1960 in Big Timber; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; training in business management, employee relations, people management, advertising and promotion, currently getting a degree in health care administration; past business owner; served in House since 2003; she has three grown daughters, Kaycee, Sarah and Katie.



*Penny Morgan*





*Art Noonan*

**Pat Noonan** - Ramsay, District 73, Democrat. Born April 15, 1977 in Butte; Butte High graduate, B.A. in communications from Carroll College; AWARE Service administrator; served in House 2009; wife's name is Jennifer and they have one child, Hope.



*Pat Noonan*



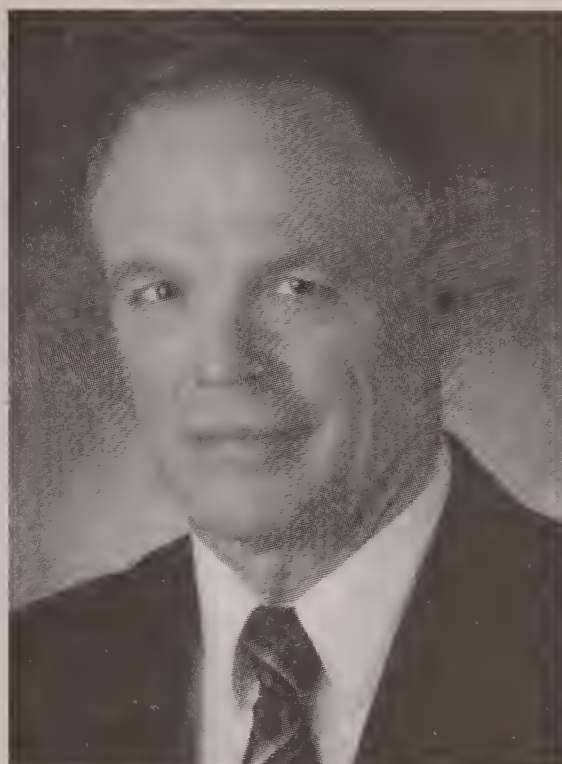
*Bill Nooney*

**Art Noonan** - Butte, District 74, Democrat. Born Nov. 24, 1951 in Butte; Butte Central graduate; Montana Democrat Party executive director; AWARE Foundation director, Supreme Court Commission on Practices member, Silver Bow Planning Board chairman, Montana Water Rights Compact Commission, Montana House of Representatives assistant chief clerk 1977, Congressman Pat Williams' staff member on the U.S. House Interior Committee; served in House since 2005, minority whip 2006-07.

**Bill Nooney** - Missoula, District 100, Republican. Born June 20, 1953 in Missoula; Missoula Sentinel graduate, masters in business administration from University of Montana; small business owner; Community Hospital Childcare Board, Civil Air Patrol, Young Eagles youth program taking youth flying to promote interest in aviation, North Rockies Wildfire Contractors Assn., Experimental Aircraft Association, youth activities leader; served in House since 2007; wife's name is Anna Nooney, between them they have five daughters: Alex, Braidon, Brooke, Drew and Karisa.



**Jesse A. O'Hara** – Great Falls, District 18, Republican. Born Nov. 15, 1943 in Larimore, N.D., moved to Montana in 1957; Shelby High graduate, bachelor's degree University of Montana, masters guidance and counseling MSU-Billings; retired CM Russell guidance counselor, coach, drivers ed instructor; Meadowlark Neighborhood Council, Great Falls Chamber, DUI Task Force, Montana Air National Guard & Army Reserve; served in Senate 1979-82, in House 1985-86 and since 2007; wife's name is Julie, he has two children and a grandson.



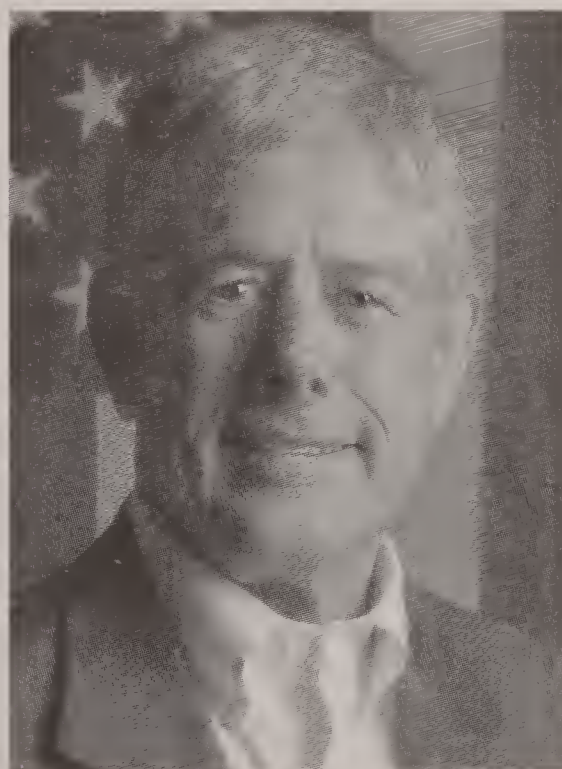
*Jesse O'Hara*



*Carolyn Pease-Lopez*

**Carolyn Pease-Lopez** - Billings, District 42, Democrat. Born Aug. 31, 1949 in Crow Agency; Poplar High School graduate, B.A. in sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder; co-pastor of First Crow Indian Baptist Church; has served on various parent committees and the Crow Tribe Education Committee; served in House 2009; she and her husband David have five children Amy, Paul, Matt, Mia and Marty, and twelve grandchildren.

**Ken Peterson** – Billings, District 46, Republican. Born Nov. 19, 1935 in Babb; Conrad High School graduate, B.S. in economics from Brigham Young University, J.D. University of Montana; attorney; Montana Probation and Parole Board member, past chair, Billings Board of Adjustment chair, Billings City Attorney 1977-83, Rotary member for 30 years, YMCA Youth Board past member; United State Navy veteran; served in House 2001-02 and since 2007; wife's name is Cherye Peterson, he has five daughters, a son and twelve grandchildren.



*Ken Peterson*





*Mike Phillips*

**Mike Phillips** – Bozeman, District 66, Democrat. Born March 24, 1958 in Charleston, Ill., moved Montana in 1997; B.S. in ecology from University of Illinois, M.S. in wildlife ecology from University of Alaska; biologist; coach youth sports teams, Gallatin County Open Lands board, member and board of directors of conservation organizations, member of several scientific organizations, founding member of Bozeman Schools Foundation, chairman of Great Schools, Great Community Committee; served in House since 2007; wife's name is Linda, he has three children—Grace, Drake and Samuel.

**JP Pomnichowski** – Bozeman, District 63, Democrat. Born Jan. 26, 1967 in Great Falls, CM Russell graduate, B.S., Montana State University; technical writer-graphic designer; Montana Legislative Information Technology Board, Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, Bozeman Board of Adjustment, Bozeman Planning Board, Bozeman Zoning Comm., Friends of Treatment Court, Bozeman Cultural Council, Bridger Canyon Vol. Fire Dept. firefighter/EMT, Montana Cardiac Workgroup, MSU Football Statistics Crew, League of Women Voters, Bozeman Business & Professional Women, AAUW; served in House since 2007, husband's name is Bob Wall.



*JP Pomnichowski*



*Lee Randall*

**Lee Randall** - Broadus, District 39, Republican. Born Sept. 13, 1984 in Billings; Powder River County High School, Broadus, graduate, attended Montana State University for three years majoring in agricultural business; rancher and small business owner; Powder River County Republican Central Committee vice chair; served in House 2009; wife's name is Michelle.



**Keith Regier** - Kalispell, District 5, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1951 in Henderson, Neb., and moved to Montana in 1985; Henderson, Neb., High School graduate, B.S in education University of Nebraska; small business owner of a sod company; retired teacher; West Valley School trustee 1992-98, Flathead High School trustee 1999-2008; served in House 2009; wife's name is Jolene, they have three children, Amy, Matthew and Katie.



*Keith Regier*

**Scott Reichner** - Bigfork, District 9, Republican. Born Jan. 9, 1967 in Long Beach, Calif. and moved to Montana in 1997; Carlsbad High, Calif., graduate, attended Brigham Young University for two years majoring in finance; self-employed licensed mortgage broker; served on Bigfork School Board for eight years including two years as chair, Boy Scouts chair and scoutmaster, LDS church leader; served in House 2009; wife's name is Jill, children's names are Jessica, Isaac, Eliza, Zoe, Allie, Addison, Julia, Jonathan and Benjamin.



*Scott Reichner*

**Michele Reinhart** - Missoula, District 97, Democrat. Born March 19, 1980 in Tacoma, and moved to Montana in 1985; Livingston Park High School graduate, bachelors in environmental studies Carroll College, masters in environmental studies University of Montana; Missoula City-County Planning and Grants planner; community organizer and lobbyist three legislative sessions on conservation and family issues, Forward Montana, Missoula Democrats, Montana Conservation Voters, Northern Plains Resource Council, Montana Environmental Information Center; served in House since 2007; single.



*Michele Reinhart*





*Donald Roberts*

**Donald Roberts-** Billings, District 56, Republican. Born July 18, 1948 in Great Falls; Billings West graduate, M.S. University of Iowa, D.M.D Washington University in St. Louis; oral surgeon; Rotary International board, Yellowstone Art Museum board member, Audubon Conservation Education Center board, Rotary International, retired U.S. Navy; served in House 2003-06 and 2009; wife's name is Carol, they have three daughter, Sara, Michelle and Melissa.

**J. David Roundstone** - Busby, District 41, Democrat. Born Feb. 15, 1953 in Crow Agency; Rathdrum, Idaho, High School graduate, B.S. in business administration from Montana State University; executive health manager; served in House 2009; wife's name is Minnette Manson Roundstone, they have five children, Gates, Martin, Chenoa, Isaac and Brett.



*J. David Roundstone*

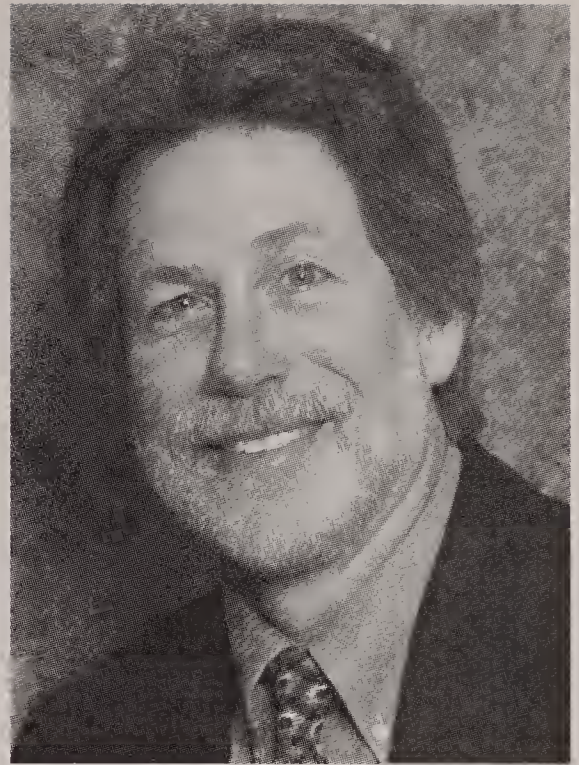


*Diane Sands*

**Diane Sands** -- Missoula, District 95, Democrat. Born March 23, 1947 in St. Ignatius; Frazer High School graduate; B.A. in anthropology University of Montana, graduate work in women's studies at George Washington University; Missoula County Historical Museum development director; served in House 1997-98 and since 2007; partner's name is Anne Mary Dussault, a former legislator who was the first female majority leader in the Montana House.



**Jon C. Sesso** - Butte, District 76, Democrat. Born Nov. 15, 1953 in Racine, Wis., and came to Montana in 1978; Wisconsin high school graduate; B. A. in communications, M.A. communications and environmental studies from University of Wisconsin, Madison; Butte Silver Bow City-County Planning Director; Montana Land Information Advisory Council, Upper Clark Fork River Steering Committee, several local ad-hoc committees on land use & environmental cleanup; science fair and speech competition judge; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Barbara Kornet.



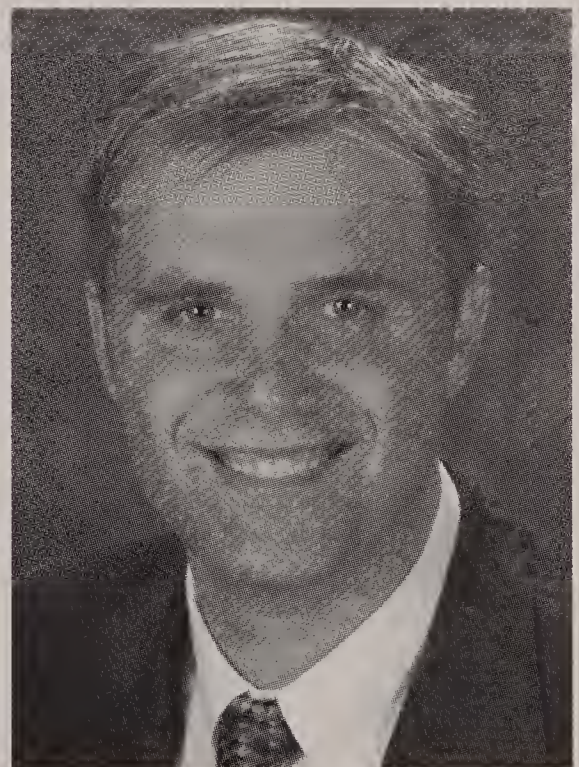
*Jon C. Sesso*

**Cary Smith** - Billings, District 55, Republican. Born Dec. 8, 1950 in Salt Lake City and moved to Montana in 1993; Granite High School, Salt Lake, graduate, B.S. from University of Utah; retired; served in House 2009; wife's name is Susan Smith, children's name are Brandon, Melissa, Natalie, Jessica, Nathan and Ashley, they have eighteen grandchildren.



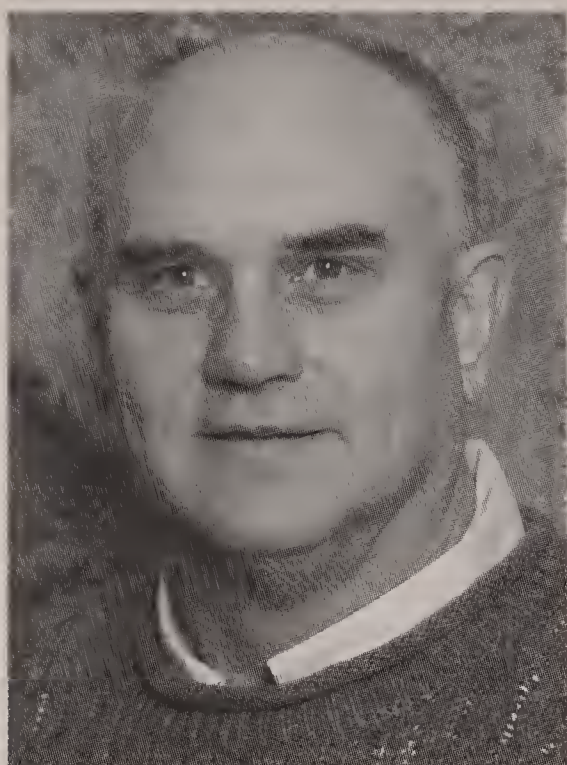
*Cary Smith*

**Jon Sonju**- Kalispell, District 7, Republican. Born Dec. 26, 1975 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate, B.S. in sociology and minor in political science from MSU-Billings; Sonju Industries sales director; Boys and Girls Club board member, Kalispell Noon Rotary, Leadership Flathead alumni, Kalispell Christian Center member; served in the House since 2005; wife's name is Tania, they have two sons Jacob and Brett.



*Jon Sonju*





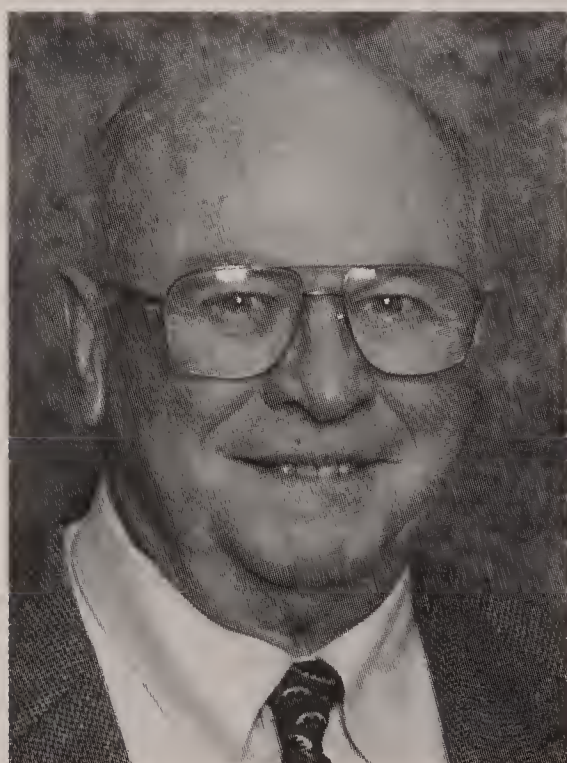
*Wayne Stahl*

**Wayne Stahl** - Saco, District 35, Republican. Born Nov. 22, 1952 in Glasgow; Saco High graduate; attended West Point and Montana State University; contractor; Saco Town Council, Saco Mayor, Phillips County Commissioner, served in House since 2005; divorced, he has two children, Joshua Stahl and Jennifer Jo Kovarik, and two grandchildren, Dyllan and Cheyenne.

**Cheryl Steenson** – Kalispell, District 8, Democrat. Born Oct. 20, 1980 in Kalispell; Flathead High graduate, B.S. in English and biology from University of Montana, M.A. in English from University of Montana; English teacher; Nurturing Center board of directors, MEA-MFT member, Big Brothers-Big Sisters big sister; served in House 2009, single.



*Cheryl Steenson*



*Ron Stoker*

**Ron Stoker** - Darby, District 87, Republican. Born March 29, 1936 in Colorado, came to Montana in 1994; Charles E. Gorton, Yonkers, N.Y., graduate; B.S. and M.S. from College of Agriculture at Rutgers University; real estate broker and retired veterinary pharmaceutical sales rep; Hamilton Rural Fire District trustee, Ravalli County Republican Central Committee finance chair; Navy Reserve; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Jean, they have three children: Randall, Pamela and Mark.



**Janna Taylor** - Polson, District 11, Republican. Born Sept. 9, 1948 in Minneapolis and moved to Montana in 1983; Washburn High graduate; B.S. in education, University of Minnesota; agribusiness; Polson Soroptimists, hospital volunteer, VFW Auxiliary, Lake County Republican Women, PEO; served in House since 2005; her husband Mike served in the Montana Senate, they have two children, Christopher and Zachary, and three grandchildren.



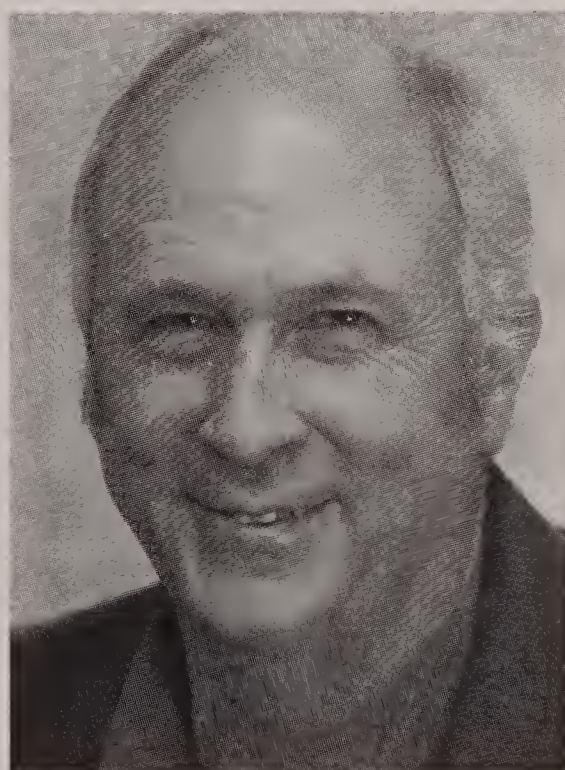
*Janna Taylor*



*Kendall Van Dyk*

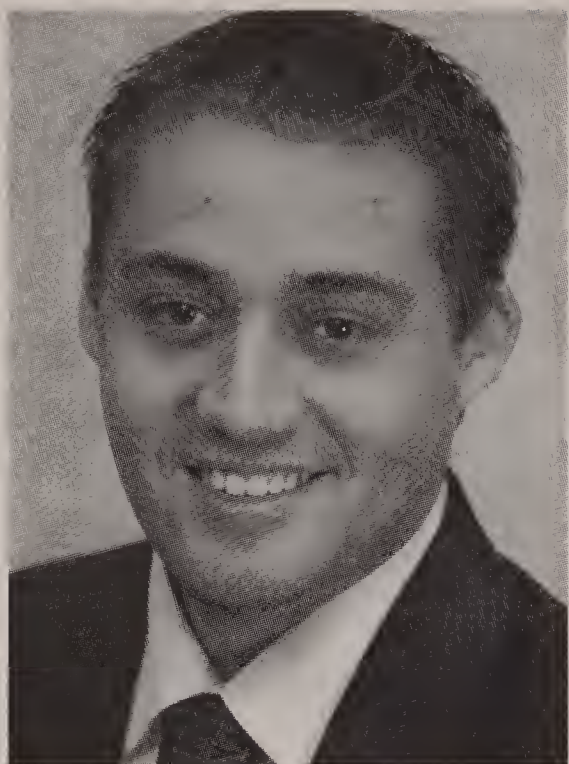
**Kendall Van Dyk** - Billings, District 49, Democrat. Born March 21, 1980 in Bozeman; Manhattan Christian High School graduate, B.S. in political science from Montana State University; Trout Unlimited field representative; Montana Wildlife Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Montana Conservation Voters, Big Sky Democrats, avid hunter and angler, activist for protecting access to public lands; served in House since 2007; parents are John and Jenness Van Dyk.

**Gordon Vance** - Billings,, District 67, Republican. Born Dec. 17, 1951 in Great Falls, Great Falls High graduate, B.A. in political science from Montana State University; has spent more than 35 years in private sector; established Montana Power Sports Dealer Association, Manhattan City-County Planning Board member and past chair, Bozeman City-County Planning Board, Gallatin County Impact Fee Steering Committee original member, Task Force establishing Gallatin County Local Water Quality District; served in House 2009; wife's name is Shelley Vance.



*Gordon Vance*





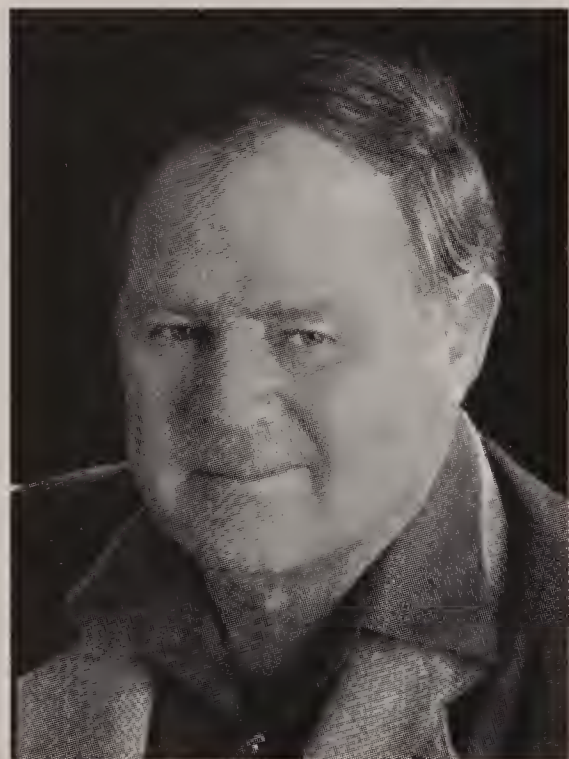
*Dan Villa*

**Dan Villa** - Anaconda, District 86, Democrat. Born Feb. 14, 1983 in Anaconda; Anaconda High graduate; attended Montana Tech majoring in business administration; Anaconda Local Development Corporation Board of Directors president; Anaconda Public Schools Board of Trustees, Board of Public Education Advisory Council, Montana School Board Assn. board of directors, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Planning Board chair, Upper Clark Fork Steering Committee; served in House since 2005; engaged to Brandie Barkell.

**Chas V. Vincent** – Libby, District 2, Republican. Born July 24, 1977 in Kalispell; Libby High School graduate, B.A. in political science and communications from the University of Montana; fourth generation logger, director of programming for a cultural exchange program, issues management consultant for a private consulting firm; University of Montana Young Republicans member, Montana Logging Association member, Communities for a Greater Northwest member; served in House since 2007, Republican whip, 2009-10.



*Chas Vincent, Republican whip*



*Bob Wagner*

**Bob Wagner** - Harrison, District 71, Republican. Born June 20, 1952 in Denver and moved to Montana in 1992; Arvada West High School graduate in Arvada, Colo., A.A. in automotive technology from Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo.; self-employed landscape contractor and design; community volunteer with 4-H and church, Madison County Republican Central Committee; served in Navy Seabees; served in House 2009; wife's name is Christy, they have four children Ben, Dusty, Julie and Melissa, and five grandchildren.



**Wendy Warburton** - Havre, District 34, Republican. Born Jan. 17, 1976 in Malta; Chinook High School graduate, B.S. in communications from Liberty University; advertising sales and freelance writing; Havre Jaycees chaplain, National Rifle Association member, Montana Shooting Sports Association member; served in House 2009; single.



*Wendy Warburton*



*Ted Washburn*

**Ted Washburn** - Bozeman, District 69, Republican. Born April 9, 1941 in White Plains, N.Y. and moved to Montana in 1998; Bethlehem Central High graduate in Delmar N.Y., FBI Academy in Virginia; retired from 32 years in law enforcement; Gallatin County Central Committee precinct committeeman, past school board member and chair, Whitehall Liberty Place board of directors; served in House 2009; wife's name is Claudia Washburn, they have three children Ray, James and Wendy, and four grandchildren.

**Jeff Welborn** - Dillon, District 72, Republican. Born Dec. 5, 1968 in Dillon; Beaverhead County High graduate, A.A. in business communications from May College; cattle producer, trailer dealer and auctioneer; Montana Farm Bureau member and past director, Southwest Counties Farm Bureau president; Bagdad Shrine Temple director, Montana Auctioneers Association member; served in House 2009; single.



*Jeff Welborn*

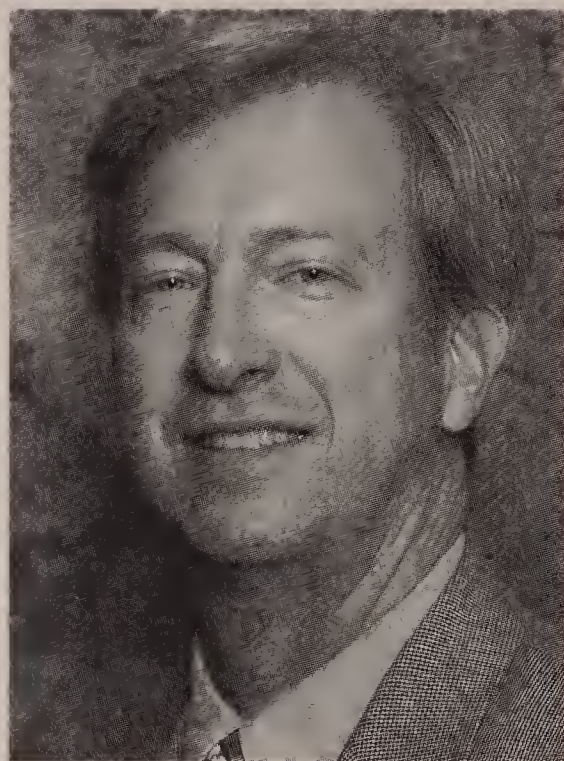




*Bill Wilson*

**Bill Wilson** - Great Falls, District 22, Democrat. Born March 28, 1961 in Great Falls; CM Russell graduate, attended University of Montana, University of Great Falls and Park University; Great Falls Schools substitute and retired BNSF locomotive engineer; United Transportation Union past president; Gateway Community Services board member, Cascade County Humane Society past board member; served in Senate 1993-2000, in House since 2003, divorced.

**Brady Wiseman** - Bozeman, District 65, Democrat. Born April 23, 1957 in Amarillo, Texas, and moved to Montana in 1971, attended Great Falls schools, graduated from Stuttgart American High School in Germany; attended Montana State, B.A. and B.S. from University of Montana; software engineer with a patent pending and computer consultant for investment banks and financial firms in New York, London and San Francisco; Northwest Energy Efficiency Task Force member, co-founder of a Bozeman software company, served in House since 2005; wife's name is Cyndy Andrus.



*Brady Wiseman*







